

THANK YOU

for your sponsorship at the Fideliter Club Black and White Gala. It's been eight months since the Gala and we want to share how we are helping children through your generous donations.



GREENHOUSE AND GOOD FOOD

One of our adopted partners, The Boys & Girls Club of Elgin, serves nearly 500 low income children everyday providing a safe place for them to go after school. One of the goals of the Boys and Girls Club is to have fresh fruit and vegetables for the children as part of their after school meals.

Last year they added a garden which the children plant, tend and harvest. It was very successful and they wanted to find a way to extend their gardening season. This year, the Fideliter Club funded a Greenhouse for them fully equipped with seeds, tools and planting supplies. We also funded the installation of the Greenhouse on the Boys and Girls Club property.

With the Greenhouse, they will have a longer growing season and more organic food for the children. To get the maximum benefit from the vegetables they are growing, we also funded special steaming equipment so they no longer have to boil the vegetables, thereby retaining essential nutrients.



MILK FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Another of our adopted partners, Food For Greater Elgin, provides food to families and serves 32,400 children per year. They have participated in the **Milk2MyPlate** program, an innovative partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, to make milk available to families with children. Sadly, milk is one of the least often items donated to food pantries and one of the most expensive for pantries to purchase.

With your generous support, we are funding the **Milk2MyPlate** program for them for 2018, which will provide 9,600 gallons of milk for families with children. Food for Greater Elgin is the largest pantry in the Elgin area that provides milk to families.

From the Executive Director of FFGE, "Milk is so important for families, thank you for so much!"



BACKPACK MATCHING CHALLENGE

Every Friday, 2,000 children in the Northern Illinois FoodBank Backpack program receive a backpack filled with easy-to-prepare food specially selected to meet their nutritional needs. Each backpack has enough food to provide nine meals for the child and his or her siblings.

With your donations this year, we setup a program to match donations up to \$10,000 designated for the Northern Illinois Backpack Program. The Matching Challenge started on March 15 and was scheduled to run through May 31st.

Great news, we reached the Matching goal on May 3rd (one month earlier than planned) and raised another \$10,390 in matching donations for the Backpack Program!



Thank you and we hope you can join us at this year's

131st Annual Charity Gala.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND BIRTHDAY BAGS

With your donations this year, we are expanding our birthday program and will provide “Birthday Bags” for the children who come to the food pantry at Food for Greater Elgin and the children at the Boys and Girls Club. This year we will provide 1,700 bags for children to celebrate their birthday.

At the Food For Greater Elgin, each bag contains a gift for the Birthday Girl/Boy, cake mix and frosting, birthday decorations, candles and balloons. Our Fideliter program Chair, Carri Laird, said “the children are very grateful and the parents really appreciate the special treatment for their children during such tough times for them.”

For the Boys and Girls Club, children now their spend after school time at local grade schools and their “Birthday Bags” are delivered to them personally with a gift, candy, fun favors, pens/pencils/markers, a \$2 bill and a helium Birthday Balloon. Our Fideliter program Chair, Nancy McKenna said, “ thanks to your generosity, 1,700 children will have a much happier birthday.”



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