CAC youth programs assist the lives of local children whose families are facing difficult times. With donor support CAC serves children whose families can't afford to give them what many other children have; lunches in the summer months, new back packs with school supplies and gifts during the holidays.

Back-to-School Program

CAC 's annual backpack and school supply drive takes place in the spring and summer. Donations from throughout the community help to prepare local children for the start of school with the tools they need to learn! Backpacks are distributed in late July/early August.

The Back-to-School program provides new backpacks filled with school supplies per grade free to children of families in need. In August 2014 CAC distributed more than 800 backpacks with supplies to students for the start of the new school year. A significant portion of the school supplies were funded by an anonymous donor from Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church and matching donations from the congregation. In addition, numerous businesses, civic organizations, congregations and individuals donated backpacks, school supplies and volunteered time to pack and distribute to students.

School supplies are also offered to teachers to use in their classrooms through the Teacher's Closet program. We rely on donations from the community to provide these tools for children

and teachers. Donations are accepted year-round.

Printable flyer with a complete list of needed school supplies.

Groups interested in volunteering to pack the backpacks with school supplies please contact Debbie at volunteer@ourcac.org.

Groups interested in donating backpacks already packed with supplies per grade please contact Liza at assistance@ourcac.org.

Teacher's Closet

Donate school supplies to the Teacher's Closet and help local students this school year! The Sandy Springs Education Force in conjunction with CAC provide free school supplies to Sandy Springs school teachers with students from families in need. The Teacher's Closet provides these classrooms with supplies to help students learn and eliminates the need for teachers to spend their own funds on school supplies. Supplies to teachers are limited to availability. The program relies on donations from the community to provide these tools for children and teachers. Donations are accepted at CAC year-round. Classroom Supplies Request Form .

Summer Lunch Bag

Summers are particularly stressful for families that are already struggling to make ends meet. Often these families receive free or reduced price school lunches to help feed their children during the school year. The Summer Lunch Bag program helps these families off-set summer grocery costs by providing children with lunch for a week. We rely on food drives to collect food for summer lunches. This program also makes for great group projects, to collect the food and assemble it into bags containing 5 lunches each. We accept donations for this program from April through July.

Print the 2014 Flyer with Summer Lunch Bag and School Supplies Lists

Adopt-a-Family

The Adopt-a-Family program allows donors to anonymously “adopt” families off our website and give holiday gifts to children based on their wish lists. The CAC Adopt-a-Family holiday program is a great success, in 2013 about 1,000 children from local families were adopted for holiday gifts! More than 500 individual donors, congregations and businesses participated in adopting children. This program runs from October through December.