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Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Gives Backpack Lunches to Local School



L to R: Front row, Exalted Ruler Patricia Graves, Backpack Lunch Program Co-Chair Karen Bender, and Backpack Lunch Program Chair Fredrica Hensley; Back row, Garfield Elementary School Counselor Janet Dougherty, Garfield Elementary School Principal Christine Slattery, and Garfield Elementary School Building Supervisor Eric Hong

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 delivers 78 backpack lunches to Garfield Elementary School

The very successful Arlington-Fairfax Backpack Lunch Program, funded by an ENF Promise Grant and supplemented by member generosity, is rolling along. We started by delivering 40 lunch bags a month and are now delivering 78! We also deliver seasonal fresh fruit when possible. The school Guidance Counselor said that this fruit is really the only fresh food these students get.

Thirty plus Elks and Auxiliary members have participated in packing the lunches since September, including Clara Ritger, a former Most Valuable Scholar who now works in the local area.

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