

Virginia Elks Association News

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Virginia Beach 2268 Uses ENF Promise Grant to aid Area Youth



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Photo includes Southeast District Deputy Paul Shoemaker, VEA State President Beverly Hamby, Secretary Bonnie Shoemaker, ENF Grant Coordinator Teri Linardich, Steve Polk, and several youths. Also present but not pictured is ENF Chairman Steve Sabin, and Donna Lawrence, who represented StandUp For Kids-Hampton Roads

Virginia Beach 2268 used the Elks National Foundation Promise Grant to help youth in need by partnering with StandUp for Kids-Hampton Roads. On the second Saturday of each month members of the Virginia Beach Lodge provide a hot meal for youth in need. On Valentine's Day members provided an extra special meal prepared by Chef Paul Shoemaker and his lovely wife Bonnie. The meal included Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots, green beans, rolls and for dessert cookies, cupcakes, and punch!! (Cupcakes provided by Donna's granddaughter Madison!!) Instead of the usual movie we had music provided by the Shoemaker's karaoke machine and dance performance by one of the kids!!

StandUp had previously let us know that the kids needed Back Packs. Our lodge was able to provide 24 sturdy back packs with water bottle for the kids. The kids present for dinner were very grateful to receive new packs! All of this is possible because of the ENF Community Investment Program Promise Grant!!

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