

Trevor's Gift provides food for spring break



Submitted photo

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary District 8 Commander Cindy Campbell and her husband, Skip, unload a car full of food for Trevor's Gift.

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WATERLOO — School is out for spring break all this week.

That means school cafeterias also are closed to children who depend on them for food.

When school isn't in session, the Trevor's Gift backpack food program kicks into high gear.

Trevor's Gift volunteers have packed extra bags of food for kids to take home this week. They are helped by donations from organizations, businesses and individuals who donate food.

"More than ever we are aware of the saying 'It takes a village' as we prepare to feed more than 165 children with extra food," said Kaaren Gerlach, co-chair of Trevor's Gift.

The House of Concern in Seneca Falls has donated cereal and snack bars. Cindy and Skip Campbell donated a car full of cereal and other food from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Lowes Home Improvement provided a financial donation and discount to allow Trevor's Gift to help an anonymous donor purchase new totes to replace totes that have

broken. The bags of food are placed in the totes so volunteer drivers can distribute them to the schools.

Seneca Meadows Landfill volunteers filled 165 bags with pasta meals, soups, vegetables, fruits, juice, milk and snacks.

Each child will receive a full-sized box of cereal from the American Legion Riders and extreme coupon clipper Tammy Brockway.

The Waterloo Fire Department Auxiliary continues to send a check each month, as do several individuals.

In March, Mike

Bowen celebrates St. Patrick's Day by singing Irish songs on his accordion, encouraging listeners to put money in his "pot of gold" to donate to Trevor's Gift.

Trevor's Gift purchases food from Foodlink in Rochester, supplementing that with food items purchased locally or donated by the community.

It costs \$20 to feed a child for a month or \$200 for the year. All contributions are tax deductible. Checks may be sent to Waterloo Education Foundation, Main Street Shop Center, Waterloo, 13165.

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