



This was Graham School's second year partnering with *Blessings in a Backpack* to support the students of Olney Allen Elementary in Aurora, IL for our schoolwide Community Service Project. The Blessings in a Backpack program provides food for students during the weekends and when the program first started, there were only 40 students at Olney Allen supported in this program. As of today, Olney Allen currently has 300 out of their 800 students enrolled in their program. The long term goal of the program is to enroll all 800 eligible students.



The Graham PTA has hosted 3 packing events each year, collected donations of new socks, hats and gloves, and tooth brushes and tooth paste, as well as raised funds through our Family Fun Nights. **This year, we have packed over 1200 bags during our packing events and have raised \$700 dollars from our Family Fun PTA events.** With your support and help, Graham School will be sponsoring 7 students at Olney for a full year.



The coordinators from Blessings in a Backpack at Olney Allen Elementary have sent us these photos of the 7 students Graham is helping support. We are so grateful for this opportunity for our families and students to give back to our community and are very excited to see our partnership with Blessings in a Backpack grow.

To learn more about this program, please check out their website. <http://www.blessingsinabackpack.org/about/how-it-works/>

Thank you Graham for your help and support this year!!  
We are making a difference together!

-Graham PTA

