



BEAR CARES

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Backpacks, Smiles & Community Spirit

In July and August, Bear Family Restaurants partnered with local communities to host nine backpack giveaway events, providing 1,440 backpacks filled with school supplies to students across Chicagoland.

Each event was filled with energy and excitement – thanks to our friends from local police departments, who handed out cookies and brought their K-9 officers, and Gus from the Windy City Bulls, who brought his big personality to several of the events. The laughter, smiles, and sense of togetherness made every moment special.

Most importantly, these events wouldn't be possible without you – our BFR team members. From planning and setup to welcoming families and creating a positive experience, your efforts truly made a difference. The joy on the kids' faces as they received their backpacks is proof of the impact we can make when we come together.

As the new school year begins, we're grateful for everyone who helped make this tradition a success once again. Here's to another year of learning, growing, and making memories - both for our communities and our BFR family.



TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

12333

TOTAL HOURS IN 2025

926

GOAL = 2000



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National Night Out

Bear Family Restaurants was proud to join our communities in celebrating National Night Out. Families enjoyed games, prizes, photos, and even a surprise visit from Ronald McDonald in Elgin!

A big thank-you to our BFR team members for making this annual tradition such a fun and memorable night for our guests.



THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEER GROUP EVENTS

- Mondays & Thursdays - 5:15pm-8:30pm: Food for Greater Elgin
- September 23rd - 3:30pm-6:30pm: RMHC
- September 23rd - 5:15pm-7:15pm: South Elgin Riverfront Clean-Up

New group events are added on a regular basis, so be sure to check the "Opportunities" tab on your MobileServe app.



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