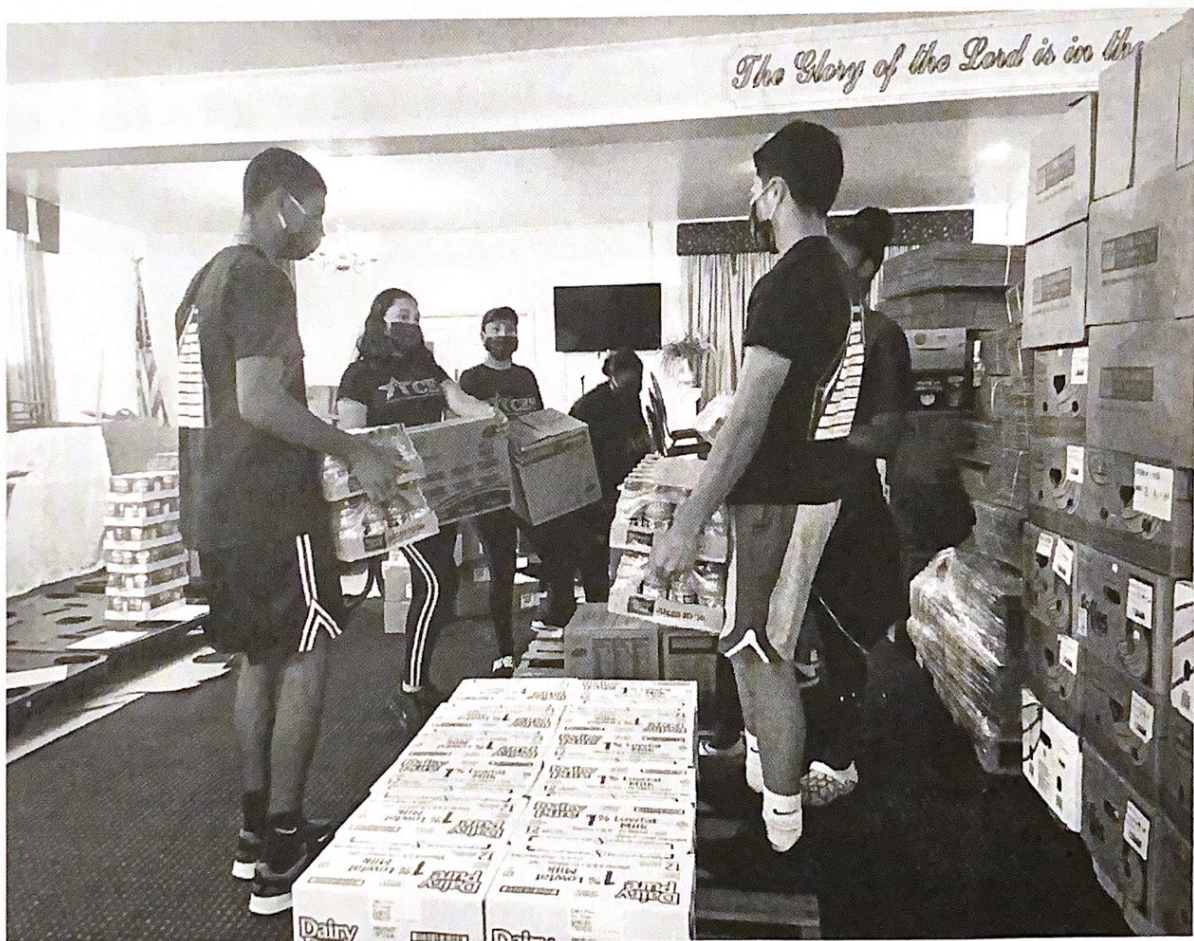


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## Lorain ACES and Pathways Enrichment Center provide meals for families

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ACES members pack food and move boxes Aug. 19 for packaging to give to the community.

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Pathways Enrichment Center, 2505 N. Leavitt Road in Lorain, partnered with ACES, which stands for Achievement through Community Education and Support, and Second Harvest Food Bank on Aug. 19 to ~~special for only by for the first time~~ **SUBSCRIBE**



Last month, Pathways Enrichment Center delivered and served 2,162 families with food supplies boxes, church leaders said.

During the Aug. 19 distribution, the Rev. Norva Ross, pastor of Pathways Enrichment Center, said the church provided families with backpacks filled with school supplies for children.

"We received a small grant and we're very happy we could provide these backpacks for students," Ross said.

As the Ohio National Guard passed out boxes, ACES members were in the back of the building packing boxes and making sure things were taken care of.

Although only 10 ACES volunteers were allowed to participate in this particular distribution, Michael Ferrer, local activist and director of the ACES program, said members of the program were volunteering at other events as well.

"These kids were so impressed by seeing there were people in need, that they are here every week making sure they were able to help," Ferrer said.

So far, ACES has taken part in three pantry distributions programs at Pathways.

As the distribution continues to grow, the need for volunteers grows as well, Ross said.

She said the entire Pathways Enrichment Center staff, including herself, are volunteers.

Since January, the distributions at the facility have grown from 700 to over 2,000 a month, Ross said.

She also applauded the help of the National Guard.

"We weren't prepared for this, but we're fortunate to be able to help others," Ross said.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, call Ross at 440-282-1109.

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