

Mission

The **FUEL** program exists to provide weekend food to needy children in the Newton public schools. The **FUEL** bags, packed and delivered by Redeemer volunteers, provide food for one or two children from Friday after school until Monday morning. **FUEL** bags also contain information for families about Centre Street Food Pantry and how to access greater quantities of food as well as other community resources.



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A collaboration to feed hungry children during the weekends



What is FUEL?

FUEL is a program to provide weekend food for students who rely on free or reduced-price breakfasts and lunches at school during the week. A collaboration between the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill and the Centre Street Food Pantry, **FUEL** is working with Newton elementary and middle schools. Volunteers shop for nutritious, non-perishable food, pack and deliver anonymous backpacks each week. The bags also contain information about how to access the Centre Street Food Pantry, its numerous resources and those of the City of Newton.



Summer FUEL

During the summer months the Church of the Redeemer provides snacks, including fresh fruit and water, to the Title 1 program in Newton. Many children are away from home for as long as seven hours without snacks or lunch being provided. The snack program helps those children who do not bring food from home to stay focused during the day. Some even arrive without having had breakfast.

In the spring of 2018, the City of Newton asked **FUEL** to help develop a program to distribute backpacks of food throughout the City during July and August. The program was a great success, distributing 700 backpacks in the first year.