



Dermer Dreams volunteers Emma Shaw, Maia Valerio, Izzy Tobias, Lexi Samuels, Timmy Perley, and Cianna Furino load a truck to restock Monmouth County food pantries.



Lexi Samuels, Emma Shaw, Maia Valerio, Izzy Tobias, and Lyla Milkowski volunteered with over 300 students who have supported the Neighborhood Captain program since its start in 2020.



Alyse Dermer, Wallace Woods, Dan Dermer, Kevin McGee, and Jerome Livingston lead a pioneering coalition of organizations who aim to end hunger in our communities.

## DERMER DREAMS CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2021

BY THE DERMER DREAMS TEAM / PHOTOS BY LARA ROBBY PHOTOGRAPHY

We thank all of you who participated in our Neighborhood Captain Program. In the last 6 months, with your hard work and dedication, we raised 191,500 pounds of food! You have proven to us that you have the drive to accomplish incredible things. We wish you continued success in the future.

In November, 2020, Dermer Dreams launched its Neighborhood Captain Program. The response was astounding! 300 Students signed up and received 100 Dermer Dreams donation bags. 30,000 bags were distributed throughout Monmouth County to collect food for the hungry. The creativity and selflessness exhibited by this group of students was remarkable. Many students showed up with 90 – 100 bags filled! Some students used the strategy of dropping three bags to 33 close friends and family. Other students used Venmo and Amazon Marketplace, and solicited friends and family from all over the United States. We could not believe that one student collected 924 pounds of food!

The date for our next Neighborhood Captain Program is Saturday, October 23rd, 2021. We will also be running our town-wide food drive throughout Fair Haven at this time. Our goal is to exceed our record and collect over 110,000 pounds of food.

This is just the beginning as we work to grow our program across all 21 counties of New Jersey. Along with the graduating seniors, we'd like to thank the entire town of Fair Haven.

Fair Haven, NJ has become the headquarters of Dermer Dreams. We are lucky enough to live in a town that fully supports our mission. The empathy and care that our community has exhibited to help others is overwhelming. If you stop by a Dermer Dreams event, you will see students, parents, women, men, young children, teachers, coaches, policemen, firefighters all working together to help those less fortunate.

We thank everyone who has helped us along the way as we continue to fight hunger ... One Bag At A Time!

#FightingHungerOneBagAtATime

# Thank you

TO THE CLASS OF 2021 from Lunch Break

*"Lunch Break is grateful for our students, who gave so much of their time to help organize food and supply drives, as well as monetary collections, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Their compassion and support for those struggling with financial insecurity is inspiring. It was because of their generosity, we did not miss a meal."*

– Gwendolyn O. Love, Executive Director, Lunch Break

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