

## **Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program FEMAP**

During the 2020-2021 year, the Friends Material Assistance Program (FEMAP) has been able to serve many individuals and groups with our farmworker, hygiene, infant, and school kits. Volunteers from Friends Meetings and donations from North Carolina Friends Church (NCFC), Fellowship of Friends (NCFE), local Friends Meetings, North Carolina United Society of Friends Women (NCUSFW), and individuals have enabled FEMAP to continue serving other non-profit groups. Seventeen Friends Meetings and many individuals have been faithful supporters of the ministry of FEMAP.

Kits and needed items are given to organizations that distribute them to their clients and others. Some of the organizations include the following: Open Door Ministry (High Point, NC), Christmas tree farms (Sparta, NC), St. Paul School (Cana, VA), Family Services (Jamestown, NC, High Point, NC, Greensboro, NC), Friends Disaster Service, Leslie's House (High Point, NC), The Way Church Project in Honduras, Episcopal Farmworker Center (Newton Grove, NC), Fire Department (Galax, VA), and Police Department (High Point, NC).

Volunteers have used donated yarn for afghans, toboggans, and scarves. Bandanas for farmworker kits and many infant and youth quilts have been made from donated fabric. Little bears have also been cut out, stuffed, and sewn from that fabric.

During the last year, FEMAP has distributed approximately 1,570 kits (hygiene kits – 719, farmworker kits – 257, school kits – 387, infant kits – 207), 225 quilts/blankets, 100 toboggans and scarves, and 50 sets of children's clothing. Composition books were given for prison ministry.

FEMAP is most grateful for the volunteer work of individuals, meetings, and other Friends groups for their ongoing support. You are welcome to join us on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Allen Jay House across from Springfield Friends Meeting.