

Community and family engagement is the key

Van Buren County High School students can earn Community Service credit toward their graduation requirements by volunteering at the center.

There are many ways to get involved with the children.



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What is
“In-Kind”?



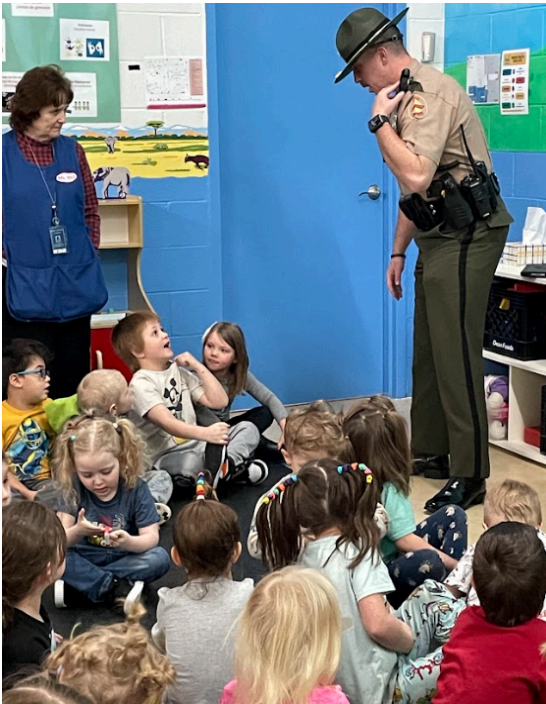
In Kind Contributions

In Kind contributions are gifts of goods or services donated to our program.

To count as In Kind donations, the goods must be something that has purpose or value to the program that the program would normally pay for if it was not donated.

Donations of volunteer time by parents or community members usually count as In Kind donations.

When community members volunteer for Family Reading Nights, their time counts as an In-Kind donation. When you sign into the meetings, your time counts, too!



Non-Federal Match

Head Start is a federally funded grant program. As a requirement of the grant, Head Start is required to obtain a 20% local match from In Kind contributions. If our match is not met, our program loses operating funds.

For 2025/2026, the amount we must raise for our match is \$202,548. Much of this we receive through donated services from Van Buren County High School, local agencies, and local businesses such as, Lions Club, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Fall Creek Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Van Buren County Sheriff Department, UT Agricultural Extension, Walmart, Long Branch Lake Community Volunteers, and our local churches.

Of course, this could not be met without the help of families who donate their time in support to their children's educational goals.

Some of the activities you do to help meet the goal are volunteering in your child's classroom, serving on committees, attending Family Reading Night meetings, and completing Home Activities.

Every time you sign in to a meeting or return the In-Kind form for books and Power Packs, we get a little closer to fulfilling our match and meeting our program outcomes goals.

Thank you for completing and returning these forms. We appreciate your time and efforts to help ensure a successful and completely funded program.

