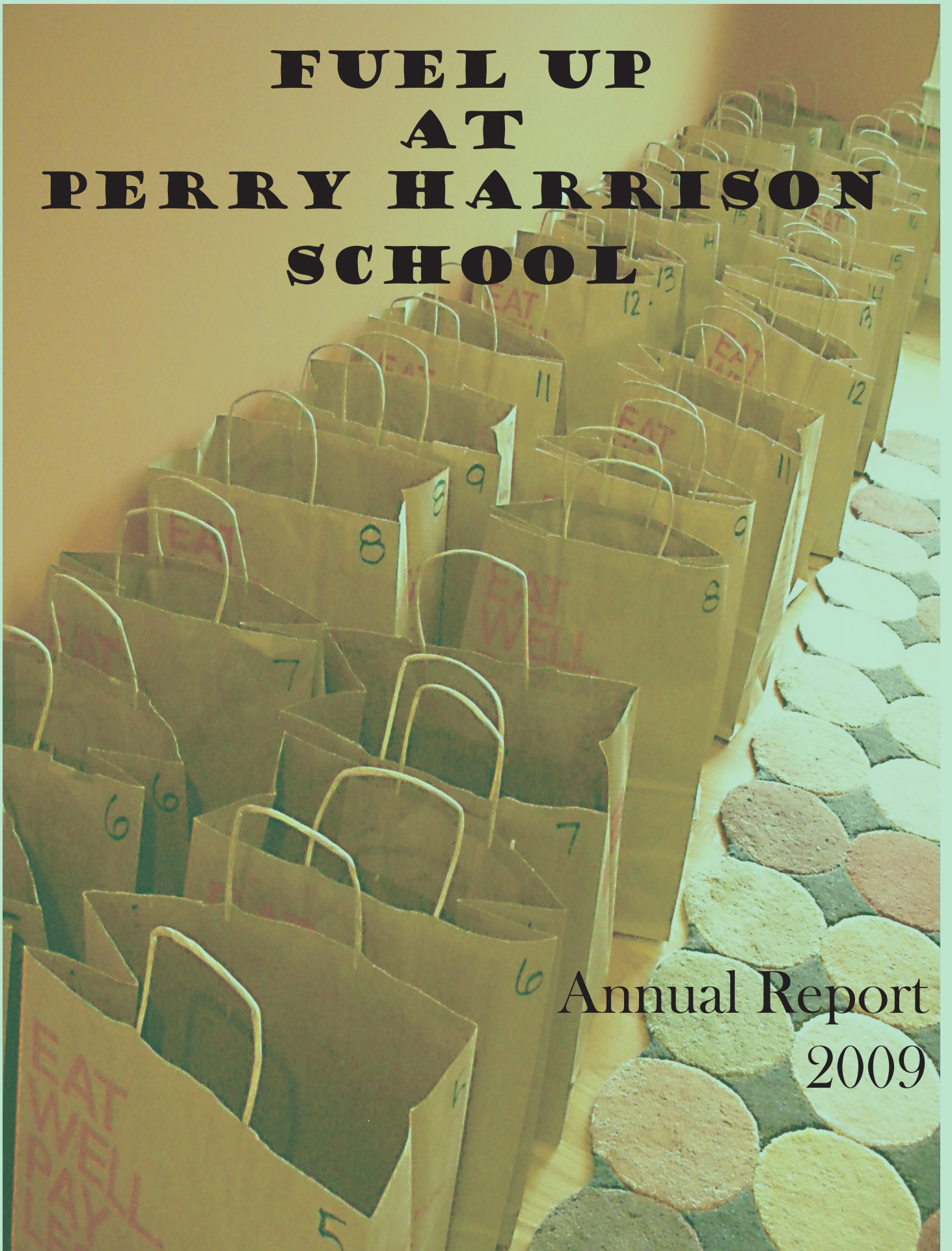


**FUEL UP
AT
PERRY HARRISON
SCHOOL**



Annual Report
2009

About Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School

A History of Fuel Up in Chatham County:

In an effort spearheaded by Board of Education member Holly Duncan in 2007, Chatham County Schools teamed with school and community partners to ensure that students in need have food at times when school is not in session.

During the 2007-2008 school year, a program called "Fuel Up" began in three Chatham County Schools: Siler City Elementary, Moncure School and Virginia Cross School. In the spring of 2008, a small group of Perry Harrison School parents decided to bring this program to Perry Harrison School as well.

The Fuel Up food program was created to provide bags of food to students (anonymously and discreetly) to meet their nutritional needs during weekends and breaks in the regular school year months. Food is provided through donations only; no tax dollars are spent on the program. For a regular weekend, the backpacks contain three dinners, two lunches, two breakfasts and two snacks. With the exception of the fresh fruit that is provided each week, the food is shelf-stable; and a child would be able to prepare most of, if not all, the items him- or herself.

How the program works:

1. Students are chosen to participate in the program by the school Guidance Counselor based on self-reporting, recommendations by teachers and/or recommendations from the school Social Worker.
2. Food donations and monetary contributions are collected from Perry Harrison School families and from the community. (Monetary contributions purchase food to supplement what is donated by the community)
3. Each Wednesday, the bags are packed by volunteers and given to homeroom teachers. They discreetly place bags in the students' backpacks, which the students take home on Thursday afternoons (allowing an extra day if a child is absent).
4. Students return the bags to school on Mondays so that they may be re-packed.

Cost to feed a child each weekend:

One weekend = \$15
One month = \$60
One quarter = \$125
One semester = \$250
One school year = \$500



Packing for school holiday

Program Coordinator Report

In Fall 2008, we began the Fuel Up program at Perry Harrison School, initially serving 20 students. In order to provide three dinners, two lunches, two breakfasts and snacks for the participants each weekend, we worked out the logistics of fundraising, menu planning, shopping, bag packing and distribution, all while expanding the program to serve 28 students.

Our goal in 2009 was to continue building the framework for a reliable, sustainable weekend food program, with the idea of being able to share our model with other schools that do not yet have weekend food programs in place. I am happy to report that, with the generous support of our community, this goal has been accomplished!

While providing weekend food for 31 students at Perry Harrison School, we've been able to share our "playbook" with two other schools in Chatham County so far, and are beginning to work with a school in Chapel Hill that approached us to help them develop a weekend food program. Recognizing that there are hungry children in EVERY school, our goal is to help launch weekend food programs in all area schools that are interested in joining our efforts to reduce hunger for children in the broader community.

We have plans in January 2010 to file for Nonprofit status in the State of North Carolina, and to file for 501(c)3 status with the IRS. We made this decision not only in light of the fact that our growing organization placed a growing burden on the accounting team at Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church, who has until now served as our fiscal sponsor, but also because our independent non-profit status will allow us to apply for more grants, and share our resources with other Fuel Up organizations in the community (both established, and yet to be created).

With Chapel in the Pines serving as the fiscal sponsor for Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School, we've been able to establish a pattern of fiscal responsibility for our organization, we've been able to receive both private donations and grants that we would not have otherwise been eligible for, and most importantly, we've been able to serve far more hungry children than we ever would have been able to reach without their partnership. I am appreciative – beyond my ability to express in words – of the relationship we've enjoyed with Chapel in the Pines for the last year and a half.

Many thanks to all of the foundations, individual donors and volunteers who continue to support Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School. We are fortunate to have such wonderful partnerships in this tough economic climate, and we are thankful for all of you.

Sarah Blake Finigan
Program Coordinator, Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School

Program Progress

In the year 2009, the number of students served has grown from 27 to 31. With generous grants from the Osman Foundation, the Carolina Meadows Community Grants Program, the Chapel of the Cross ABC Sale, the Galloway Ridge Charitable Fund, the Chapel Hill Giving Party and individual donors, Fuel Up at Perry Harrison can provide a wider range of purchased nutritious foods rather than depending solely on donated food items.

Fuel Up at Perry Harrison Timeline 2009

March 2009 The Canstruction food drive competition was won by the Fifth Grade with a total of 1356 individual food items.

April 2009 Thanks to a generous donation from the Osman Foundation, two additional students will be added to the Fuel Up Program for the 2009-2010 school year.

June 2009 Girl Scout Troop 977 put together Summer Fun Packs with activities, toys and seeds for participants of the Fuel Up program. The "Take and Read" organization added a book for each student, chosen by that child's teacher.

September 16, 2009 Twenty-eight bags were packed and distributed to teachers for the first Fuel Up distribution of the 2009-2010 school year.

October 2009 Local dentists donated toothpaste and brushes to promote dental hygiene. Girl Scout Troop 365 held a food drive to benefit Fuel Up. Two more students were added for a total of 30.

November 2009 Thanksgiving boxes were packed for the 5-day break. Another student was added to the program for a total of 31. Carolina Meadows Community Grant Program awards \$10,000 grant for the year December 2009 to December 2010.

December 2009 Thirty-one boxes were packed by volunteers for the 16-day winter break. Delivered to the school guidance office for family pick-up, the boxes were paired with donations from the Salvation Army and local churches to ensure happy holidays! Galloway Charitable Fund awards \$2000 grant.

Financial Report

In 2009, Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church (CITPPC) served as the fiscal agent for Fuel Up at Perry Harrison, which allowed Fuel Up to accept tax-deductible contributions, and provided financial accountability for the volunteer-run organization. Both donations of food and monetary donations help sustain Fuel Up at Perry Harrison School.

2009 Financial Report Summary	
Revenues	
Osman Foundation	1,000
Alan Feinstein Family Fund	260
Chapel of the Cross ABC Fund	1,000
Carolina Meadows Community Grant Program	10,000
Galloway Ridge Charitable Fund	2,000
Chapel Hill Giving Party	2,400
Private Donations	1,705
Total Revenue	18,365
Expenditures	
Grocery Stores & Warehouse Stores	8,090
Funds returned (not spent by end of year)	586
Total Expenditures	8,676
Operating Surplus	9,689



Chapel Hill Giving Party 2009

Fuel Up Organization

Program Coordinator

Sarah Blake Finigan

Perry Harrison School

Janice Frazier (2009-2010) and Valgean Mitchell (2008-2009) - Principals
Nancy Fahrbach, Sonia Logan, Kim Harris - Intake Coordinators

Volunteers

Jennifer Buckmire, Catherine Ellis, Lisa Lackmann, Becket McGough, Terri Fannin, Mary Beth Grealey,
Michelle Aguiar, Rachel Ruvo

Financials

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