

## Outreach & Intergenerational Relationships

Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class meets during the year (3-4 times) with the Pre-K to Kindergarten Sunday School class. These "Mentor" Sundays gives them a chance to have a "buddy" at church. During one of our meetings we make Birthday Bags for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Two to three weeks prior to the Mentor Sunday, we advertise for Birthday Bag donations (cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, gift bags, favors, etc.)

On that Mentor Sunday Morning they sort all the items gathered and make Birthday Cards. Then they fill the bags. All this is done by the Pre-K thru Kindergarten kids with the "guidance" of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class. Then during the week, the bags are taken to the Salvation Army by a volunteer.

The bond that develops between the young children and the confirmation age kids is very special. The Preteen/teens are perfect babysitters. They like how it feels to help other kids who otherwise no get a Birthday Party. It is a wonderful outreach that builds relationships too.

On the back is more information and what you need for donations and to make the bags.