

# Child Well Being

## Apple Seeds

**Farm to Table Cooking Classes:** The Farm to Table Cooking Class Series is a farm-based culinary education program that actively connects students with healthy food by improving cooking skills and food choices. Proper nourishment is critical to child development and is a form of preventative healthcare. The goal is for food-insecure children to consume the healthy foods that they need to thrive in school and in the work force, in order to step out of poverty.

## Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter

**Domestic Violence Intervention: Creating Safe Zones in School:** "Creating Safe Zones in School" provides intervention support through peer groups and teacher training in the Rogers School District. It utilizes a community-based, child-focused model to improve behaviors and academic performance. Training teachers, counselors, and social workers creates a network for children witnessing domestic violence and gives professionals the tools to support children in their classrooms.

## Peace at Home Family Shelter

**Children's Emergency Services:** Children's Emergency Services provides safe shelter for children escaping domestic violence. Residential advocates work with the children and families to identify and address long-term barriers and provide better support through parent education; referrals for identified developmental, emotional, or educational barriers to success; and child-focused advocacy.



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## WelcomeHealth

**Providing Access to No-Cost Medical and Dental Care to Uninsured Children from Low-Income Households:** WelcomeHealth is the only free health clinic in Northwest Arkansas and will expand its health and dental care to uninsured low-income children. Poor health often results in school absenteeism and low academic achievement. Services will include check-ups, physicals, immunizations, dental exams and cleanings.

## Sunshine School & Development Center

**Behavioral and Mental Health Support:** This program will provide behavioral and mental health support to children with special needs through play therapy, child behavior management, case management and resource mobilization. Parents and classroom staff will be better equipped to support the child's social-emotional growth and stability. This program will also serve as a training ground for future Social Workers to provide high quality mental health services.

## Samaritan Community Center

**SnackPacks for Kids:** SnackPacks for Kids (SFK) will expand and diversify the food items included in SnackPacks to better meet the nutritional needs of participating children, including fresh fruit during summer months. SFK also seeks to expand informational and educational resources provided with the SnackPacks from other organizations, especially those within the United Way network.

