

*August 9, 2025 - Event Summary  
Serving Over 270 Area Children!*





# Day4Hope – About us

***Our Mission*** – To serve the most vulnerable children as they prepare to return to school.

Sponsored by the Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship (SOIICF) - a 501-c3 Charity

Thank You for the generous Grants and Donations from:

*BEMC; Blue Cross Blue Shield; Doshier Hospital; FOCUS; Food Lion; Interloop North America – 500 pairs of socks; Kiwanis Club; Lions Club; North Carolina Synod – Peeler Casey Grant; Novant; Publix; Rotary Club; Sacred Heart Ladies Guild; Saint James Service Club; Saint Peter Lutheran Church; Saint Philips Episcopal Church; Southport Presbyterian Church; Troon – The Clubs at St. James*

*As well as donations from many other local businesses and personal supporters of Day4Hope*

Thank you to all our Social Services organizations for supporting us:

*Brunswick County Library Cards; Brunswick Family Assistance; Community In Schools; Medicaid Information - BC BS of NC; Samara's Village; Suds of Love; The Dignity Project of Oak Island - Feminine Hygiene Products*

Please consider donating time, money, or services to our mission for next year's Day4Hope!

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or visit our website at [Day4Hope-NC.org](http://Day4Hope-NC.org)

# 2025 Survey feedback from participating families



"I really appreciate your help. My children were very happy and we enjoyed a family day. Thank you." **Ceilo**

"May God bless you greatly for your enormous effort and your great humanity toward each one of us. You do a noble job, full of mercy and compassion for those who need it most. A thousand thanks. God will reward you for all your time, effort, and dedication." **Maria**

"You did great Above and beyond, we thank you so much." **Ashley**

"Thank you so much for everything you do. I hope God continues to use you and gives you the strength to continue serving Him in this way." **Candelaria**

"My family is so appreciative of all of the items that we received. We didn't know what to expect, but it exceeded our expectations. ... space was too small for everything that was trying to take place in the room" **Crystal**

"it was a great event, everything was great, my child really enjoyed it, thank you for everything." **Adileni**

"My children love their pillows and pillow cases, especially my youngest. I think this is a beautiful event and a well needed one in our county and with today's economy, and funding being depleted I am sure it was a blessing to many people. I would love to see more African American children benefiting" **Joselynn**

"It was a great morning; we had fun and returned home happy with the things they gave us. Thank you very much and may God bless you." **Yuri**

"...event was fantastic! The volunteers were super friendly and helpful, the lunch was delicious, the variety of offering were plentiful,...! My only suggestion would be to spread things out a little more to avoid the congestion. Thank you to all involved" **Renee**

"Good afternoon, the event was great, very well organized, the people were very kind. We are grateful for your generosity and good disposition. May God reward you for everything." **Matias**

"It was a blessing for us. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the support you gave us." **Judit**

"Thank you so much for my family. It was a very special and welcoming experience. Everyone was super friendly. My children are very happy with everything. Thank you so much. 😊" **Alejandra**

"The event was very well organized. Thank you for accepting our family. All that remains is to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the services and gifts for my children. Thank you very much and blessings to everyone." **Amado**

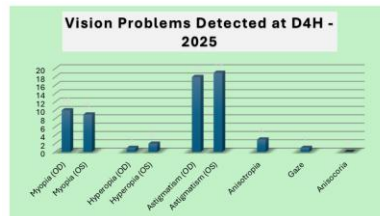
"I was overwhelmed with everything that was provided to the families." **Noelnjosh**



# Day4Hope is helping to make a difference!

## Southport Lion's Club Vision Screenings

- Of the 116 children screened, 35 were referred for professional eye exams and likely in need of eyeglasses.
- The 30% referral rate for the Day4Hope screening is significantly higher than the normal 15-20% referral rate we see in children.



## Hearing exams

- Audiologists screen children and provide results & referrals if needed
  - Carol Ann Ford from Excel Audiology
  - Pam Calliari representing Southport Lions Club
  - Debby Peckham and Sandy Markland of NC DHHS newborn hearing screening program

## Great Clips and Brunswick Community College Cosmetology Program

- 71 children received haircuts helping to build their self esteem and confidence heading into the new school year.
  - Great Clips - Amy Broome
  - BCCCP - Kindyl Tolson

## Medical Exams from our volunteer Doctors and Nurses

- 82 children received exams for health, school sports, and school medicals
- Laura Strickland DO- Doshier Hospital clinic provider
- Lynn Zink MSN-ANP-C- CommWell Health provider
- Nikki Binz MD- Director Emergency Medicine Program UNC Chapel Hill
- Don Binz MD

## Dental exams, cleanings, and supplies provided by:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield NC - Funding
- Baptists on Mission - Mobile Dental Unit
- Southport Dental – Dr. LD Williams and Staff as well as Dental Kits
- Coastal Pediatrics Dentistry – Dr. Cecilia Liu and Staff
- Wilmington Periodontists – Dr. John Buyer
- Bachara and Bryan Family Dentistry – Dental Kits
- Coastal Cosmetics Dentistry – Supplies and Dental Kits
- Brunswick County Health and Human Services
- Patterson Foundation – Fluoride Treatments

*Thank you to Odell Williamson Auditorium for providing our 2025 event space!*



# Other Day4Hope Stations & Services Provided

## Children's Station Participation

230 – Registered Children Checked in  
230 – Backpacks & School supplies  
191 – Bibles & Blessing  
227 – Gift Cards  
224 – Hygiene kits  
223 – Pillows & Pillow Cases  
205 – Books from Toys for Tots  
240 – Shoes from Power Walking Ministries

## Dedicated Volunteers assigned as escorts

76 – Ambassadors to guide families  
34 – Spanish speaking volunteers

## Other Services Provided to area children

- Backpacks, School supplies, Gift Cards for clothing and shoes, Hygiene Kits, Socks, Pillows, Books, & more – funded by SOIICF, Grants, and Donations to Day4Hope
- Breakfast for all - included muffins, fruit cups, and beverages provided by Sacred Heart Ladies Guild
- Over 400 Lunches provided by San Felipe Mexican restaurant – Southport Crossings'
- Floating Event Guides to assist families
- Day4Hope book station provided 205 age and language appropriate books
- Blessing Bags for an additional 45 unregistered children
- Home made pillow cases by Oak Island and St. James Quilters
- Home made crocheted and knitted hats donated by St. James Needlers'

**A Sincere Thank You to our 100's of Volunteers, Donors, and Charities  
in helping deliver all of these services and gifts to families in need!**