



NEWSLETTER

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Pictured: Bradd and Charity Kimes with the 1st batch of 450 bags of snacks in 2020.



Save the date
for our ribbon cutting, hosted by **Maury Alliance** on **May 6, 2025**

Celebrating 1 Million Snacks Served!

Bright Apple recently reached the incredible milestone of having served **1 Million** snacks to students in Maury County! This accomplishment was made possible by all the individuals, businesses, community organizations, and churches who have supported

Bright Apple's mission to focus on feeding children so they can focus on learning. We are so grateful for all the friends of Bright Apple who have come alongside us since our founding in 2019. Today, we serve students at **seven schools** in Maury County.

Save the date for our ribbon cutting celebrating **1 Million** snacks to be held on May 6, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Maury Alliance, located at 106 West 6th Street in Columbia. This milestone moment is meant to be shared, so we hope to see you soon!

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Thank you to the GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club

The GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club invited Bright Apple to their February meeting to share more about our work providing snacks for students in our community. The club made a generous donation to Bright Apple that will provide snacks for one student for a whole school year! Individual members made donations as well.

"The GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) has been a strong and active proponent of both Education & Libraries and Advocates for Children since our formation in 1890," said Vicki Bechet, Founder of the GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club. "The local **GFWC Spring Station Woman's Club is thrilled to support Bright Apple** with a monetary donation to help support getting healthy snacks to school children in our community."



Youth of First Presbyterian Church of Columbia donate to Bright Apple

Bright Apple was chosen to be the benevolence highlight for the month of February at First Presbyterian Church of Columbia. Executive Director, Melissa

Webb, was invited to their "Wonderful Wednesday" church supper on March 26, 2025, to speak to members and enjoy fellowship. The Youth Group of

First Presbyterian Church chose Bright Apple to be the beneficiary of their "Souper-Bowl Fundraiser!" Their hard work and dedication will help provide snacks for a classroom of students for the 2025-2026 school year!

"First Presbyterian Church is grateful for our partnership with Bright Apple as we seek to care for the youngest members of our community by providing healthy snacks," said Pastor, Sarah Bird Kneff. "Rooted in faith and love, we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ, sharing hope with all of Columbia."



Bright Apple Businesses Shine Bright

Bright Apple businesses make a big difference for Bright Apple, and we are so thankful for all that they do! We have had a wonderful time with local businesses in the past few months with sales of cookies, cakes, nutritious shakes, and even handmade jewelry going to support Bright Apple.

Southern Baking Co. is Spring Hill's brand-new bakery that is on a mission to bring back the warmth of true Southern hospitality by serving the community with pastries and baked goods that celebrate classic Southern favorites, but reimagined with a modern, healthy twist! They opened in January and chose Bright Apple to be the first nonprofit to support at the register. Guests were invited to donate by simply adding an amount of their choice to their bill at checkout.

The Southern Baking Co. is located at 4847 Main Street in Spring Hill. For more information, visit their website thesouthernbakingco.com



Lee Ann West Malm, owner of **Rock the Hill Nutrition**, chose Bright Apple to be the beneficiary of her birthday fundraiser. Lee Ann and Rock the Hill Nutrition have been longtime supporters of Bright Apple. Rock The Hill Nutrition is a "rockin' nutrition shop" located in Spring Hill and dedicated to making a positive impact in the community by providing healthy options.

Rock the Hill Nutrition is located at 5304 Main Street in Spring Hill.



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Handmade in Spring Hill is owned by Sara Myers who crafts hypoallergenic jewelry with a purpose. Each quarter, a portion of sales are donated to an organization chosen by followers of Handmade in Spring Hill on social media.

"This quarter, education and health were the top voted categories," Sara said. "I was so happy to learn about Bright Apple because their mission covers both categories!"

To shop beautiful handmade jewelry from Handmade in Spring Hill, visit the website handmadeinspringhill.company.site/



#LoveYourPetDay

We had fun celebrating our board members' and volunteers' pets on social media in honor of #LoveYourPetDay!



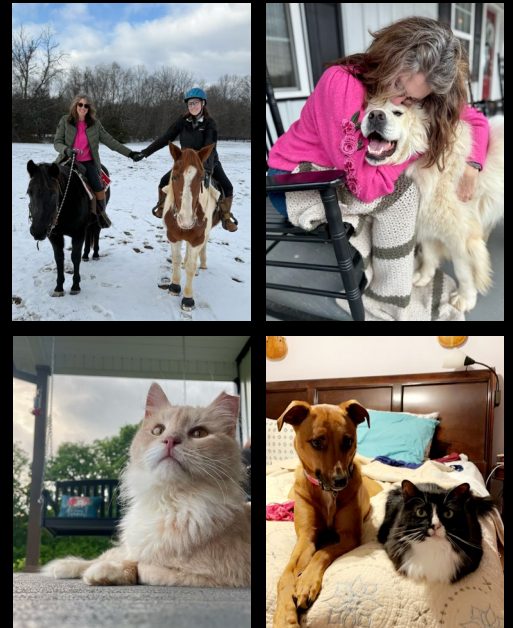
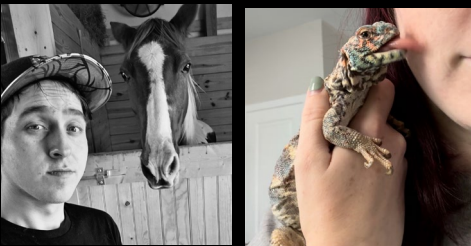
Executive Director **Bradd Kimes** and board member **Charity Kimes** shared photos of their pets "Henry," "Bonnie," "Lucy," and "Olive."

Founder and board member **Michael Baker's family** shared photos of their pups "Poppie" and "Biscuit."



Board member **Lisa Ciesliga** shared photos of her horse "Storm," and pets "Duke," "Lily," "Morgan," "Tazzy," and "Ivy."

Volunteer **Grace Marshall** and her husband **Austen** shared photos of their pets "Vincent Van Whoa," "Dewey the Lizard," "Maggie," "Milo," "Freddy," "Inky," and "Binx."



Thank you to Our Generous Sponsors

Your support helps ensure that our students receive the nourishment they need to thrive each day. Together, we're making a lasting impact on young lives and building a stronger community.

Your support can make a difference! Join us in creating healthier, happier, and more focused students. Scan the QR code to donate or learn more about our mission to empower kids with healthy snacks!

