

BERNICE'S PLACE 2023 INITIATIVE

Bernice's Place is the answer for many homeless and at-risk children in Elizabeth. A program of the *Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless* in Elizabeth, NJ. The program provides a safe, fun, and supportive environment for children living in shelters and temporary housing through their afterschool and summer camp programs.

iCMAD had the opportunity to work with Bernice's Place in various capacities during the 2023 school year.



Through the generosity of many donors, we were able to make a monetary donation that helped to

provide the children in the after-school program with healthy snacks during the school year.



Hosted a Valentine's Day program for the children, courtesy of our volunteers.



The children made a difference through the ***Paying It Forward*** project. They created handmade cards for the seniors at Trinitas Hospital.



We hosted an end of year party for the children where they shared what they learned through the initiative.

We sponsored trips to THREE farms! Our primary reason for participating in this initiative was to provide the children with healthy snacks. Therefore, we believed that it would be beneficial for them to learn about the origin of their food.

- Gorgeous Goat Creamery, Stockton, NJ
- Ort Farms, Long Valley, NJ
- BlueBird Alpaca Farm, Far Hills, NJ



Children at *Gorgeous Goat Creamery*

