

A Message From Bobbie Hoffman

2009 Operation Smart Start

We know it seems early to be thinking about back to school before summer vacations but schools are already being contacted about this wonderful ministry!

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Through Operation Smart Start we will be providing book bags and school supplies to needy students throughout this community. Last year by God's grace, the people of St. James provided book bags for over 400 children in need. By again providing these supplies, we hope to give each student involved a positive start to the school year.

The schools communicated that there is a great need for this ministry and many children (and their families) have benefited from it. These book bags will contain various school supplies including pens, pencils, erasers, paper, a ruler, and markers. For older children we would like to include a calculator. It will cost \$25.00 to sponsor two book bags, or a donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated*.

We hope you will participate in this ministry, and help to reflect the care and compassion of Jesus to children and families in our immediate community and beyond!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Hanson at Outreach@stjameslimerick.com. Below is a form you can fill out and return to church to sponsor a book bag.

**25% of the contributions to Operation Smart Start will be put into the Charity at Home Fund for those at St. James affected by the economy.*

Name _____

Phone Number/email: _____

I am donating:

_____ \$25 to sponsor two book bags.

_____ \$50 to sponsor four book bags.

_____ Another amount (_____) to sponsor book bags.

_____ **I would like to help stuff the book bags on August 13th at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.**

_____ **I would like to help deliver the book bags to schools the week of August 17th or 24th.**