

## **Community Group**

**Kids in Need Distributors** distributes food items to children eligible for the Free and Reduced-price Meals System (FARMS) program, so that they will have food available to them during the weekend. The program was founded in 2012 by Jeremy Lichtenstein. The program delivers free food to schools on a six-week cycle. The schools house the food and use volunteers from neighboring cluster schools to bag the food. The KIND bags allow children to leave school on Friday afternoon with a bag of diverse, healthy and easy-to-make meals and snacks. Mr. Lichtenstein also realized that if students are grappling with hunger, they may have other needs as well. At the beginning of the school year, KIND began delivering basic hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and hairbrushes to students. Under Mr. Lichtenstein's leadership, KIND is providing free snack bags to more than 1,700 children at more than 20 different schools, as well as an additional 4,500 meals during the summer for students attending summer school.