

Children First!

The community came together for a worthy cause, the children. Today (September 5) more than 600 virtual bags were given away while Perry County census response went up.

The students of Francis Marion School were the center of attention as parents, students, community volunteers, corporate volunteers, political leaders and law enforcement delivered virtual school bags. The village was out in full force making sure that the children were provided needed electronic supplies to make their virtual learning experience a little better. The Perry County School District is going virtual the first nine weeks of the school year.

Commissioner Albert Turner, Jr. spearheaded for the 13th year his back to school drive for his high school alma mater, Francis Marion. Commissioner Turner joined Tekpak Inc., Arrowhead Landfill, Senator Bobby Singleton, The Perry County Civic League, Sowing Seeds of Hope and the Perry County Census Team in putting on the event. Commissioner Turner said, " without the support of our sponsors this event can not happen on such a large scale. The need was greater this year because of the expense associated with electronics. The virtual platform that has been in place due to the COVID-19 virus has caused an extreme hardship on parents. Our sponsors are all local and have a vested interest in making sure our educational system is top rated and our children are equipped."

Turner also reached out to the Perry County Census Team to double down on census participation within Perry County. The response rate for Perry County is behind the State and National average. The census team received data to check more than 200 residents to see if their census forms were recorded.

