



AGENCY NEWSLETTER

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to School! Back to School! How to Make Sure Kids Stay Full?



Backpack Programs provide nutritious meals to children who may not have enough to eat over the weekends or during school holidays. These programs are crucial because they address the gap in food security that can occur when children are not receiving school-provided meals.

An Agency Sponsored **School Pantry**, housed within the school itself, is a valuable resource that can significantly benefit students and their families. These pantries can also foster a supportive community environment by reducing the stigma associated with food assistance and encouraging a culture of care and inclusivity. Moreover, they can serve as educational platforms, offering students and families resources on healthy eating and nutrition.

Are you curious about how to start a backpack program or school pantry in your community, or perhaps transition your current backpack program into a school pantry?
Feel free to send us an email, and we can arrange a time to chat!

	BACKPACK PROGRAM	SCHOOL PANTRY
Serves:	Child in Program	Whole Family
Cost:	Large quantities of identical items = \$\$\$	Can be cheaper as able to utilize standard SMF items
Volunteers:	Pick up, Pack specific # of Bags, & Drop Off	Pick Up & Deliver, may work with school to "staff" pantry
Eligibility:	Student must be identified by school list for distribution.	Does not have to be a list. regular /emergency assistance
Availability:	Usually Fridays. May not be weekly.	Could be Daily
Dietary Needs:	NA typically	Variety = Able to accommodate! ★
Storage:	Agency Requirement	School Must have Space



Let A Local School Adopt You!

FOOD DRIVES + FUNDRAISING + VOLUNTEERING + COMMUNITY AWARENESS

As the new school year starts, we aim to enhance community partnerships by exploring the idea of approaching local schools about "adopting" an agency - whether for the year or an event. Food drives provide nutritious meals, while fundraising activities support these efforts and promote community among students. Additionally, encouraging volunteerism fosters connections between schools and the community, raising awareness of food insecurity issues. If you are interested in potentially receiving support from a school, please complete the interest form linked below (*submit by Friday, August 15th for Fall Semester*)! More details will be provided groups as available!

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: AUSTIN KUSIAK

We are thrilled to announce the promotion of Austin Kusiak to the position of Director of Operations! Austin has been an integral part of our team, consistently demonstrating exceptional leadership as our Store Food Sourcing Manager and a deep commitment to our mission. Please join us in congratulating Austin on this well-deserved promotion and in supporting him as he takes on this exciting new role!



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-CLOSED-

The Warehouse and Food Bank will be closed

Monday
September 1st

NEW!
Email your PAC Reps

at
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Demographics for July are due by
AUGUST 15th

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