Child Nutrition Programs: More Than Food

Summer Kid Packs

We are reminded, daily, that hungry children suffer stress at home and at school. Access to healthy food during the summer months not only nourishes active bodies, it strengthens the fabric of families and communicates to children that adults believe they are important.

Summer Kid Packs turn fear and shame into security, hope, and relief—as important an aspect of a hunger relief program as distributing food.

June, July, August 2019 (Summer):
- 27 Summer Kid Pack distribution sites
- 2,100 children and families per month
- 91,350 pounds of food distributed.

One in 8 children in the Blue Ridge area starts their day without a regular and reliable source of food. In the Food Bank's service region, that statistic translates into approximately 42,320 youth. These are our neighbors' children.

The Family BackPack Program, the Food Bank's flagship Child Nutrition initiative, addresses the challenge of feeding hungry children during weekends and school holidays when school breakfasts and lunches are unavailable. Thanks to donors, volunteers, dedicated school and community staff, we extend food relief into communities where the need is greatest.

Carrying home a Family BackPack, children, their siblings, parents, grandparents, and guardians can eat a weekend of nutritious meals, and go to sleep knowing that on Monday morning they'll be ready for school.

September 2018—June 2019 (School Year):
- 2,798 families served monthly
- 14 Food Bank-funded school sites
- 10 Community-Sponsored BackPack school sites

Serving your community through one of our four distribution centers located in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester, and Verona (headquarters).

Thank you for your support!

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