



Blue Ridge Area
FOOD BANK



Nutrition for Children

YOUR IMPACT REPORT

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**“[The School Food Pantry]
is a lot of help ... It’s help
for everybody. It’s for the
community, the ones that
need it.”**

- Suzie, Guest
School Food Pantry at
Broadway High School

Fueling Futures: Child Nutrition Programs

We believe every child deserves reliable access to the nutritious food they need to learn, grow, and reach their full potential. Through several direct distribution programs, we work to ensure children facing hunger can count on healthy meals when and where they need them.

These programs complement the work of the extensive network of partner food pantries that also provide families with food throughout our region.

Our focus on children reflects both an urgent need and a powerful opportunity. Food insecurity can affect every aspect of a child's well-being: physical health, academic performance, and emotional development. When children don't have enough nutritious food to eat, the effects can influence their success in school and in life.

With your partnership, we help children thrive. Your support provides more than meals.

Together, we are ensuring that more children have the nourishment they need today and the foundation for a healthier, brighter future.

Your generosity creates opportunities for children to thrive and empowers families facing difficult circumstances. You help strengthen your community. Thank you.

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Serving your community through 1 of 4
distribution centers located in Charlottesville,
Lynchburg, Winchester, and Verona (headquarters)





You're making sure children can grow and thrive

With donor support, the Food Bank distributed 1.4 million pounds of food between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, through the following child nutrition programs:

- **Family Backpack Program***: Every Friday during the school year, elementary-age children receive a bag filled with shelf-stable, nutritious food to take home—providing enough to eat over the weekend and during school breaks.
- **School Break Boxes*** (formerly Summer Kid Packs): When school is out, hunger doesn't take a vacation. This program provides children and their families with easy-to-prepare, nourishing food during school breaks, including in winter and summer months.
- **School Food Pantry*** (formerly Good Food School Market): Located in middle and high schools, these school-based food pantries offer students and their families a dignified, convenient way to access fresh produce, pantry staples, and other nutritious items.

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The Food Bank also provides services through these federally funded children's programs:

- **Summer Food Service**: In partnership with local enrichment programs, this initiative provides freshly prepared meals to children participating in summer camps and learning activities.
- **Kids Café**: After the final school bell rings, Kids Café steps in to provide healthy meals and snacks to children enrolled in after-school programs.

Thank you for helping us ensure that every child has enough to eat!

Thank you for your support!

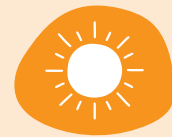
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Child Nutrition Programs at a Glance

July 2025 - June 2026



5,080 children served monthly, on average, through **Family Backpack** and **Community Supported Backpack** programs.



7,760 kids and families received **School Break Boxes** over school holidays.



2,170 children served monthly, on average, at **School Food Pantry** sites.



8,730 children served through **Kids Café** and **Summer Food Service** sites.

Last year, we distributed

1.4 million pounds of food through child nutrition programs.

Thank you!