

History

Due to difficult economic times The Lakes Church in Waupaca launched Project Backpack in 2010. Research had shown that an increasing number of parents were finding it hard to provide sufficient food for their families. Free and reduced lunches at school helped relieve parents of part of this economic burden, but many children were still going hungry during their weekends away from school.



How Project Backpack Works

Project Backpack works closely with school counselors to get nutritious food and snacks into the hands of students in need. Students who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program automatically qualify for the Project Backpack Program. School counselors and teachers can also recommend students for the program. School counselors turn in the numbers of students in need and Project Backpack delivers the appropriate number of bags to the schools every week. Project Backpack does not know the name, age, race, or learning ability of any of the students. This is done to keep the program as confidential as possible.

Christmas Meals

Project Backpack is proud to deliver Christmas meals to families who would otherwise go without. In December of 2021, volunteers delivered 40 boxes of food to homes in need, providing food for 181 people. Meals included ham, fruits, vegetables, pie and more!! Each box contained enough food to feed six people.



Thank You!

2022 / 2023 School Year Monetary or In-kind Donors

Platinum

(\$3,000 or more)

Robert & Christine Faulks Charitable Fund

Sturgeon Shuffle

The Lakes A Community Church

Waupaca Area Community Foundation

Waupaca Community Chest

Waupaca Foundry

Gold

(\$2,000 to \$2,999)

Alliant Energy

Lakes WDUX

In memory of Roy Van Epreu

Tyson Foods

Silver

(\$1,000 to \$1,999)

Community First Credit Union

Del Monte Foods

Faulks Bros. Construction

Re/Max Lyons Real Estate

Rotary Club of Waupaca

Strongwood

Bronze

(\$500 to \$999)

Bank First

Farmer's State Bank

First Lutheran Endowment fund

L & L Propane

Trinity Lutheran Church

Honorable Mention

(\$300 to \$499)

Amherst Family Foods

Delicious Popcorn

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group

Graziano Gardens, LLC

Parfreyville United Methodist Church

Team Outfitters



Project Backpack operates through the generosity of over 100 Volunteers! Area business and individuals all pitch in to help this very worthy cause. The **Transportation Team** takes care of transporting the food from area grocery stores to the Project Backpack facility located at 600 Industrial Drive, Waupaca. Thank you Waupaca Foundry for your generosity in donating this space!



Thank you
Faulks Brothers, Hansen Furniture, Noffke Lumber, Office Outfitters, The Lakes, Torborgs Lumber, and Waupaca Rental for providing critical transportation needs!

Once the food has been transported to the Project Backpack facility the **Stocking and Labeling Team** comes in and breaks the food down into individual packages and labels it for individual consumption. Once the food is labeled and put on the packing shelves the **Packing Team** comes in, packs the food in black plastic bags and puts the bags in totes. *(Food used to be packed in backpacks and that is how the name Project Backpack originated.)* The **Delivery Team** now takes the totes to the schools for the counselors and teachers to hand out to the students. **Behind the scenes** we have people who place the food orders, organize and label the totes, keep track of inventory, print labels, and design encouragement cards.

How Can I Help?



Project Backpack is in constant need of volunteers to:

- * Deliver food to schools
- * Pray for the families and volunteers
- * Stock shelves & label food
- * Provide needed funds and resources

If you are able to help in any way, please complete the form and send to:

Project Backpack
153 County Road QQ
Waupaca WI 54981

Make checks payable to:
Project Backpack

OR

Online giving can be done at
TheLakesWaupaca.com/give
(Be sure to change the drop-down to
Project Backpack)

To talk directly to someone about becoming involved with Project Backpack, please contact:

Jacci Peterson
Project Backpack Coordinator
715-800-8401
Jacci@TheLakesWaupaca.com

Project Backpack provides food to over 240 students per week

School Districts served are:
Waupaca, Weyauwega/Fremont,
Iola/Scandinavia, Amherst, and
Manawa.

I will help by:

- Contributing \$ _____ to be used for needed supplies.
- Sponsoring a backpack for one week @ \$10/week.
- Sponsoring _____ backpack(s) for _____ month(s) @ \$40/month.
- Sponsoring _____ backpack(s) for one year @ \$360/year.
- Deliver food to schools
- Stock shelves & label food
- Deliver Christmas meals
- Pray for families and volunteers

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PROJECT BACKPACK

Ministry of The Lakes



Our Mission:
To stamp out hunger in area schools one student at a time

