

Snack in a Backpack

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Snack in a Backpack to Host Annual *Champions for Children* Event

Local nonprofit will honor community members dedicated to nourishing children in need

BLUE RIDGE, GA – February 2025 – Snack in a Backpack, a nonprofit whose mission is to decrease the burden of childhood hunger in Fannin County and surrounding areas, is excited to announce their 2025 **Champions for Children** community recognition event. This annual celebration and fundraiser will take place on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Twisted Tomato Restaurant (11 Mountain St.) in Blue Ridge, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

The evening will feature a dinner, live music, dancing, a silent auction, and an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional service to food-insecure children and families in the area.

2025 Champions for Children Honorees:

- **Community Champion:** Feed Fannin – "One Community, One Spirit"
 - This volunteer-driven organization committed to providing food assistance and promoting self-sufficiency in Fannin County was instrumental in the early days of Snack in a Backpack and has supported local food initiatives for over 15 years. Feed Fannin is an essential partner to the Snack in a Backpack Summer Meals program. In Summer 2024 alone, Feed Fannin provided a massive 5,317 pounds of fresh produce to families with children during the eight weeks of summer school break.
- **Media Champion:** The News Observer & Glenn Harbison
 - The News Observer, with publisher and editor Glenn Harbison at the helm, has been a vital source of information for Fannin County and the Copper Basin area. Week after week, Glenn elevates awareness of community causes, regularly highlighting organizations working to improve children's lives. Glenn's concern for those in need can be observed each week through his heartfelt reporting. The News Observer team proactively monitors and reports on how the Snack in a Backpack program progresses throughout the year – connecting the organization with the community at critical moments when support is needed.
- **Children's Champion (In Memoriam):** A.D. Frazier, Jr.
 - A.D. Frazier was a generous benefactor in the North Georgia community serving on the board of Fannin County Family Connection and contributing to Toys for Tots, Feed Fannin and Snack in a Backpack, programs all dedicated to supporting children in need. Loyal contributions to Snack in a Backpack from A.D. and his wife Sha over the years helped ensure that many Fannin children in need did not go hungry.

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“Our Champions for Children are beacons of hope in our community,” said Snack in a Backpack Executive Director Debby Beck. “Their support, partnership, and genuine concern for our mission is equally heartwarming and essential. We are honored to recognize their contributions.”

Funds raised from this event will directly support Snack in a Backpack’s mission to provide food-insecure children in and around Fannin County with meals for weekends, holidays, and school breaks. Snack in a Backpack has provided over **one million meals** to children in need since it was founded in 2009.

Tickets & Sponsorships:

Tickets are available for **\$65 per person** or **\$120 per couple** and include dinner, dessert, one drink, and soft drinks. Various sponsorship levels are also available:

- **\$500 – Friend of Children**
- **\$1,000 – Benefactor**
- **\$3,300 – Protector**
- **\$5,000 – Hero**

Join Snack in a Backpack for an unforgettable evening celebrating those who make a lasting impact on the lives of children in our community. Get your tickets today at snackinabackpack.org/annual-fundraiser.

For more information, visit www.snackinabackpack.org or contact backpackfannin@gmail.com

About Snack in a Backpack: Snack in a Backpack is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting childhood hunger in Fannin County and surrounding areas. By providing weekend and holiday meals for food-insecure students, the organization works to ensure that local children do not go hungry when school meal programs are unavailable.