

Food for thought...

- December 2010: Matthew's Ministry supplied weekend food to one child in one school with one volunteer.
- December 2011: 125 children were enrolled in Matthew's Ministry Backpack Program.
- 2017: 21.9% (4,500) of Brunswick County children under 18 years of age are food insecure.
- 2021: 22% (4,440) of Brunswick County children under 18 years of age are food insecure.
- 2021: 66% of Brunswick County children (8,336) receive free/reduced school meals.
- 2022: In North Carolina 17.1% or 1 in 6 children under 18 years of age are food insecure.
- 2022: 16 Brunswick County Schools have 600 children enrolled in Matthew's Ministry Weekly Backpack Program.
- Matthew's Ministry is supported solely through the generous donations and support of individuals, foundations, charitable organizations and businesses who are united in their concern for the well being of Brunswick County children.



We always need more:

Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Chef Boy-R-Dee Items
Meat Canned or Pouches
Macaroni & Cheese
Soups
Vegetables Canned
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Ramen Noodles
Granola Bars
Oatmeal
Cereal
Crackers
Rice
Please No Glass Containers

thank you

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Matthew's Ministry

Food Changes Lives

*A private, non sectarian, children's
food Backpack Program serving the
children in Brunswick County, NC*

*66 % of Brunswick County Public
School children receive free or reduced cost
meals at school...*

During the school year on weekends, when school breakfast and lunch programs are not available many of these children go without food. Matthew's Ministry Weekly *Backpack Program* provides weekend food in a backpack for Brunswick County's food insecure children.



Please help us...help them...

Matthew's Ministry is supported solely through the generous donations of individuals, foundations, charitable organizations and businesses. Your generous monetary and food donations are making a difference to hundreds of Brunswick County children.

What is Matthew's Ministry...

Matthew's Ministry is a 501(c)3 public charity established in 2010. **Mission Statement:** To eliminate weekend and non-school day hunger for Brunswick County school children by establishing a viable *Backpack Program*. **Vision:** To acquire food through donation and purchase to be distributed through the *Backpack Program*, and to encourage and support partnerships, collaboration and cooperation with individuals and entities that are able to help in fulfilling this mission.



What is food insecurity...

Food insecurity is defined by USDA as the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life. According to Feeding America, 11,722,000 children (16.1%) in the United States are food insecure. In North Carolina 394,300 children (17.1%) are food insecure. In Brunswick County North Carolina 3,890 children (18.6%) are food insecure.

How does it work...

Food insecure children are identified by school professional staff and county agencies. Keeping identities confidential, school staff contacts Matthew's Ministry with the number of children at their school that need weekend food. Each week during the school year Matthew's Ministry *Backpack Program* provides each child enrolled in the *Backpack Program* a menu specific food filled backpack to ensure each child has food to eat from Friday after school to Sunday night.

On Monday the children return their empty backpacks to school to be collected, refilled and distributed again at the end of the week.

All of the food & backpacks for Matthew's Ministry *Backpack Program* are donated or purchased with money raised from monetary & food donations, grants, food drives and community fund raisers.

How can I help...

- Financial Donation: \$10.00 feeds one child for one weekend. \$40.00 feeds one child for one month.
- Become a corporate sponsor.
- Host a food drive.
- Set up a food collection site in your neighborhood, or place of business.
- Donate services or make a financial contribution.
- Become a Matthew's Ministry volunteer.

Matthew's
Ministry is
proud
to be in
partnership
with.....



**United Way
of the Cape Fear Area**

And...

A partner agency of the
**FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL &
EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA
AT WILMINGTON, NC**

Please visit us, learn more about us, &
sign up for our monthly newsletter at:
www.matthewsministry.com



Non-perishable, non-expired food donations may be dropped off at the Matthew's Ministry Oak Island building using our food drop off window. Drop off window is on the Trott Street side of the building. 8500 E. Oak Island Dr., Oak Island, NC (corner of E. Oak Island Dr. and Trott Street).

