



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Backpack for Kids

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OUR MISSION

To ensure that every child in the Bellevue School District who needs food will receive a pack of food to bring home for the weekend. We believe that this will enable the child to be nourished and can succeed in school.

Children suffer when they do not have nourishing food on the weekend. They experience hunger, they are sick more often and they are unable to concentrate and thrive in school.

The Bellevue 2022 Human Services Needs Update states, “With the high cost of living, households with individuals working full-time are not able to afford to pay the basics.”

In the Bellevue School District, 18% of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. That equates to 3,385 children who suffer from food insecurity and who potentially face hungry weekends every Friday as they leave school.



Impact

- 13,698 food packs delivered in 2021-2022 providing 83,000 meals.
- 5,890 packs of food were given to preschool children.

Volunteers pick up packs of food on Thursday morning and deliver it to Bellevue School District schools.

Also, each week 190 preschool children receive a pack of simple, healthy snacks such as organic crackers, fruit squeeze pouches and breakfast bars.

New Menus

This school year, we begin our six menu selections. Because of special needs and tastes, we are providing a varied menu including vegan, halal/kosher, gluten free, standard, Asian - American and Latinx.

The Future

Our hope is that no child will be hungry. Backpack Meals for Kids will step up to give until food is no longer needed.

We need you:

- To give generously.
- To volunteer to help.
- To spread the word about hunger.
- To advocate to our representatives in government to help.

Because of your generosity, Backpack Meals for Kids was able to provide food to Bellevue children and their families.

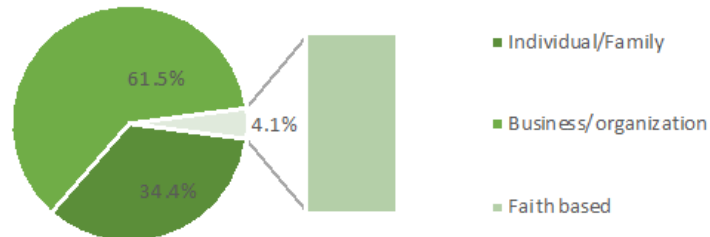
Continue Your Impact

Bellevue students from low-income households need our support now more than ever.

To continue preventing hunger and building success for Bellevue kids, please visit www.backpackmeals.org.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Source of Income
SY '21-'22



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Individual / Family	34.4%	\$32,032
Business / Organization	61.5%	\$57,336
Faith-based	4.1%	\$3,867
	100.0%	\$93,235

**Faith Organizations continue to provide a significant share of support for the preschool program.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

Eliminate Hunger in Kids

Backpack Meals for Kids is an all-volunteer organization.

Volunteers come from Seattle, Issaquah Bellevue, and Redmond. They come because they want to feed children.

“We had so much fun at our packing event yesterday. Folks really enjoyed it and everyone wants to do it again, so I think we'd plan for fall packing party again :).”

~Natasha at packing party at Microsoft

Giving Food

Volunteers pick up food packs every Thursday morning and deliver to all schools in the Bellevue School District.

Volunteers say, *“this is a great way to give and only takes an hour or two of my morning”*

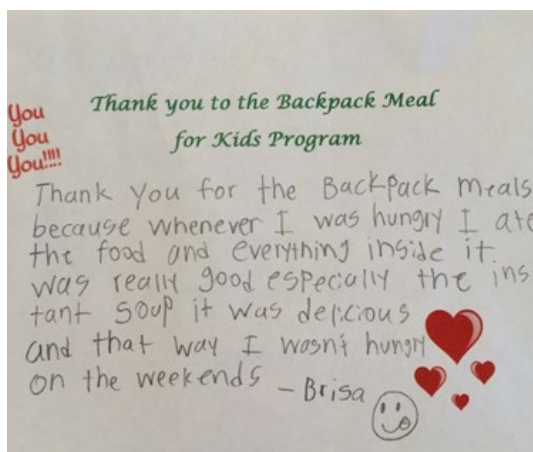


Our Supporters

We owe our success in feeding kids to you. We are grateful to our many friends and supporters. We know you give from your heart, and that you give because you do not want any child in our community to not have the nourishing food they need. We cannot do this without you. Thank you.

Some of our supporters and partners include:

- First United Methodist Church
- Eastside Prep
- MCRC (Muslim Community Resource Center)
- Eastside Friends
- Bellevue First Congregational Church
- Bellevue and Redmond Mosque
- St. Andrews Lutheran Church
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church
- Aldersgate Methodist Church
- St. Louise Lutheran Church
- Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
- Windermere Foundation
- Microsoft
- Bellevue Lunch Rotary
- Bellevue Sunrise Rotary
- Hundreds of local community members who care



Words of thanks ...

"Thank you for all the food and love."

Mom says: "Thank you so much for food for my son. He's a senior in high school. He gets a pack from the office every Friday to take home in his backpack. Thank you!"