

Promoting Healthy Choices for All Generations

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## Dear Friend,

We are excited to announce our 2022 Packer Backer Campaign! Our goal is to provide nutritious food on the weekends to all children in need throughout Waushara County during the entire 2022/2023 school year! Items include things like applesauce, granola bars, vegetables, pasta, tuna, chicken, peanut butter and sometimes a special treat.

Every week dedicated volunteers work to prepare each child their own curated bag of goodies. In complete confidentiality, we partner with the schools to provide special bags for students that have food allergies or food sensitivities. These bags are then specifically coded so school staff will know which bags contain the special items safe for those children. Our team of volunteers are not aware which students are in the program. We are only told how many bags each school needs and how many specialty bags will be required. Once we deliver the meals to the schools, they discreetly place the food in the children's backpacks when no children are present.

We simply can't do what we do without you. Your support will make a real and lasting impact in the lives of those who might otherwise go hungry through no fault of their own.

Recently, a story was shared about a little girl (we will call her April) who was so excited about the food she received in her backpack she immediately opened it. As luck would have it, her school mate (we will call him August) saw this and went home and complained to his mom that he didn't get anything special in his backpack. His mom explained how the Backpack Nutrition Program works and who benefits from it. August then asked his mom, "Can I put a sucker in April's Backpack? I think she would really like it and I have a lot". You see, April struggles to feed herself on the weekends because both her mom and dad work and there is very little food in the house. The easy to prepare foods and added nutrition have been a saving grace for her. **With your help,** and August's help, we'll be able to keep children like April from going hungry this coming school year.

**Every day,** your support makes stories like this possible. **Thanks to you**, we were able to feed close to **200 children** last year! That means we provided over 35,000 items in kids backpacks!

Today we are launching our 2022 Packer Backer Campaign. Last year the expense of feeding that many children in the program was over \$26,000! With the cost of food going up, **our goal is now \$30,000** to fund the Backpack Nutrition Program for an entire year! If we raise that amount, we'll be able to make a meaningful difference for every child in the program.

We need **your** help to make that happen. Simply check the level of impact on the enclosed slip you would like to make and send in your donation.

Your contribution will make a **real and lasting difference**. On behalf of the children who will be served by your generosity, **thank** you!

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The Backpack Nutrition Program is initiated through Waushara's Vision – A committee of the Waushara Prevention Council

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## YOU CAN BE A PACKER BACKER!

Stamp out hunger in local schools one child at a time

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	In Waushara County over <b>50%</b> of the children in public elementary schools are economically disadvantaged.
•	In some local schools that number is more than <b>69%!</b>
•	The <b>Backpack Nutrition Program</b> provides healthy meals for children to ear during weekends and school breaks.
•	You will help over 200 local children carry meals home every week!
•	More than <b>40,000</b> food items will be sent home with children this year because of your support!
•	The cost of food for <b>one child</b> is over <b>\$200 a year!</b>
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	Make checks payable to: Waushara Prevention Council, Inc. Backpack Nutrition Program P.O. Box 686 Wautoma, WI 54982

Contributions are used to put food in children's' backpacks each week. The Backpack Nutrition Program is a function of Waushara's Vision, a Waushara Prevention Council, Inc. committee. All gifts can be tax deductible. Please check with your employer for a matching fund program and enclose an employee matching fund form if applicable. This program is not affiliated with the Green Bay Packers.