

BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL KIDS

Dear Friends and Partners in the Backpack Program,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are entering the 11th year of the Backpack Program. Thanks to everyone who has helped us reach this point. We couldn't have done it without your help. This program is crucial, as over 51% of Birchwood students qualify for subsidized meals at school on weekdays. With your continued support, we will be able to ensure that our kids have enough to eat over weekends and vacations when school breakfasts and lunches are not available.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to change some of our distribution methods. We were able to obtain reusable bags at a great price, so we will not be asking the students to return the bags. Instead, we are asking them to make use of them in their own homes, thus avoiding any cross contamination between families in Birchwood.

Every year that we have been in existence, we have worked to expand and improve our program. We continually try to keep our costs low. One way is by purchasing food through Feed My People, a subsidiary of Second Harvest, whenever possible. We also use some of the local stores to provide a well-rounded variety of food for the students.

The cost of sponsoring a child is \$210.00 a year or \$23.33 a month for 9 months. If you feel you cannot commit for the entire school year, your donation in any amount is gratefully accepted and ever so much appreciated. Without the help from all of you, this worthy program could not exist.

If you would like to be a Backpack Pal for the 2021-22 school year, you should make checks payable to the **Birchwood Area Food Pantry** with a notation designating the **Backpack Program** and send it with the completed form that is on the back of this letter.

The Birchwood Area Food Pantry, PO Box 201, Birchwood, WI 54817

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Holly Herland

Backpack Program Director

Send to: Birchwood Area Food Pantry, P.O. Box 201, Birchwood, WI 54817

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ANNUAL BACKPACK PAL \$210.00 _____

MONTHLY BACKPACK PAL \$23.33 _____

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