

...one backpack at a time.

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

Children who face hunger:

- Are more likely to repeat a grade.
- Have more social and behavioral problems, and are at a greater risk of using drugs and alcohol or being involved in criminal activity.
- Experience development impairments, including higher rates of hospitalization.

Did you know...

- Texas has the second HIGHEST hunger rate, behind California.
- 1 in 4 students in Texas don't have enough food to eat this weekend.

What is food insecurity?

The state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

More than 800 million people live everyday with hunger or food insecurity as their constant companion.



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*Wiping out
weekend hunger*

OUR MISSION IS TO WIPE OUT WEEKEND HUNGER IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH AWARENESS, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Hunger is complicated. But feeding a child isn't.

What began with feeding 12 children at a local elementary school has grown into a passion project that's changing lives across central Texas. And because 1 out of every 4 kids in Texas doesn't have enough food to eat while away from their school campus, Backpack Friends has created a community solution to combat a community problem.

On Friday, September 5, 2014, twelve children received their first backpack filled with enough food to get them through the weekend.

Each week, volunteers across communities join together to provide weekend meal kits to children. Kids who might otherwise not have food to eat now have access to healthy, nutritious, kid-friendly, brand name, brand new foods that are lower in sugar and higher in protein than other typical 'backpack' programs.

We believe that leadership isn't about being in charge. It's about caring for those in your charge. And leadership through local partnerships are vital because local communities are where children succeed. For us, that begins with the simple act of caring for the most vulnerable among us. Thanks to our generous local partnerships and an outpouring of volunteers, we're making a significant impact in their lives.

Backpack Friends' vision is to wipe out weekend hunger in our communities. It's a bold vision. **But we believe that kids matter...and that we're stronger together.**

The 100% Model

Our **Impactivist Program** allows us to allocate 100% of general giving to food costs. Our team of Impactivists help us underwrite all operations costs so we can maximize our impact responsibly. Want to join the Impactivist team? Email admin@backpackfriends.com.

Will you partner with us?

Partnering with other corporations, businesses, civic organizations, churches, and families is the backbone of how we execute our mission. We believe leadership isn't about being in charge. It's about caring for those in your charge. That's how we build the world we all want to live in.



Visit backpackfriends.com/donate to join us in ending weekend hunger. Every donation, no matter the size, grows our impact and helps kids!

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happy tummies + counting

