

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS supplies child-friendly, nonperishable foods in backpacks for school children (and their school-aged siblings) who are at risk of hunger on weekends.

- PURPOSE** BACKPACKS FOR KIDS is designed to curb the effects of undernourishment or malnutrition experienced by children living in poverty.
- CRITERIA FOR SITES** Tarrant Area Food Bank places BACKPACKS FOR KIDS in elementary and middle schools or after-school programs in which a high percentage of children qualify for the National School Breakfast and Lunch program of free and reduced-cost meals.
- SUPPORT** Underwriting, food drives, individual cash donations and volunteers are needed to maintain and expand BACKPACKS FOR KIDS. **The most needed nonperishable foods in containers easy for kids to open** include single-servings of cereal, milk, oatmeal, juice, tuna, beans & franks, Ramen soups, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, raisins, trail mix, peanut butter crackers and cheese crackers.
- VOLUNTEERS** Faith groups and other organizations help sort and pre-pack food for BACKPACKS FOR KIDS on Wednesday evenings at the Food Bank. To reserve a date for a group, call or email our Volunteer Coordinator at 817-332-9177, or joann.biggers@tafb.org.
- HISTORY** Tarrant Area Food Bank started BACKPACKS FOR KIDS as a pilot program in Fort Worth in October 2003. Today, the program serves 10 school districts in four counties.
- CURRENT SITES** During the 2009 -10 academic year, Tarrant Area Food Bank provided food and many of the backpacks for 19 BACKPACKS FOR KIDS programs serving 1400 children.

Tarrant County

Arlington - Thornton Elementary School

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Cross Timbers Elementary School
Eagle Heights Elementary School
Liberty Elementary School
Silver Creek Elementary School
Walnut Creek Elementary

Fort Worth

East Fort Worth Montessori Academy
E. M. Daggett Elementary
Hubbard Heights Elementary
Meadowbrook Elementary
Oakhurst Elementary
Western Hills Elementary

Tarrant County (continued)

Haltom City - Haltom Middle School

Hurst - Bellaire Elementary

Lake Worth - Marilyn Janice Miller Elementary

Hamilton County

City of Hamilton - Ann Whitney Elementary

City of Hico - Hico Elementary

Johnson County

Grandview - Grandview Elementary School

Parker County

Brock - Brock Elementary School

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS INFORMATION

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