

2011-2012 Backpack Program Sponsorship



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The story of hunger is all too real for 1 out of every 5 children in southwest Missouri. Across 28 counties, Ozarks Food Harvest is fighting to Feed Children who often go home to empty dinner plates. These children rely on their schools' free & reduced meal programs for their daily nutrition.

Backpacks include meals for
2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2
dinners, 2 snacks & drinks!



Ozarks Food Harvest implemented the **Weekend Backpack Program™** to confront this critical issue.

The anonymous program provides the most at-risk students with backpacks filled with healthy, easy open foods to eat over the weekends, when they would otherwise go hungry.

Sometime we run out of food at home. It makes me sad. I don't tell my mom and dad. I just eat as much I can at school.

Thank you

for Considering to *Fuel Children with Hope* one Backpack at a time.

Read more program participants' testimonials at
www.ozarksfoodharvest.org/backpacks.html.








Backpack Program Pledge Form

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Transforming Hunger into **Hope**™

-  The program serves nearly **1,000 students** in **30** schools across **11** SWMO counties.
-  More than **70% of schools** in The Food Bank's service area **have more than 50% free & reduced** meal program rates—several are higher than 90%!
-  Administrators report **improved comprehension, attendance, self-esteem, health, grades** & more of those benefitting from the Backpack Program.

Become a **Hunger Hero**

Community partners sponsor schools at \$10,000 each annually, or a 3-year commitment of \$30,000. To individually sponsor a Backpack participant, donations of **\$300** (\$25/mo.) are accepted per child per school year, or at **\$150** (\$12.50/mo.) for one semester.

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

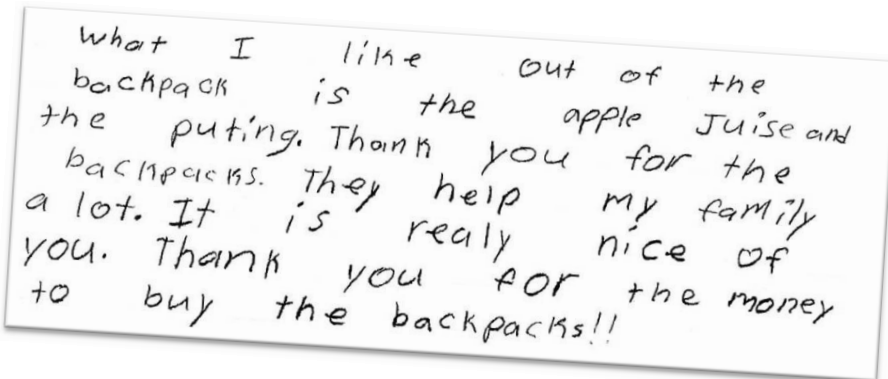
Company: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____ Fax: _____

I understand that by signing this Pledge Form, I agree to sponsor a school/child (circle one) at \$_____ on behalf of the above company or organization. I also agree to send sponsorship funds to OFH at the above address by _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Note: Donations of food are not accepted as the program requires specific food items (single serving, easy-open). OFH purchases these at a discounted bulk rate which is more efficient and effective.