Sponsorships & Donations

The Food

The food chosen is shelf-stable, kid-friendly and easily managed by the child. Food will be packaged in sacks on Wednesday by volunteers and brought to the cooperating schools on Thursday for distribution on Friday. This food will be confidentially given to the child.

Is There A Cost to the School or family?

No. The Sack Pack Program is free to the school and families of children in need. The program is supported by donations and sponsorships from the community.

Who is Eligible for the Program?

Students in crisis are eligible for this program. Eligibility will be determined by school administration & staff. Contact your Elementary School to see if you qualify.

Schools will be added according to need and as funds are available.



- Each weekend pack costs an average of \$3.75 per child.
- It is currently costing the Sack Pack Program an average of \$5,500.00 per month to provide meals on the weekend to children in need.
- 1 in 6 children in South Dakota are living in poverty.

Financial Donations: The Sack Program is accepting financial donations to reach our goal for this project. Funds for this program are provided by community support.

Time Donations: We are encouraging individuals and groups to donate their time to this effort. Many hands are needed to help prepare the sacks each week. A time donation is a gift to the recipients as well as oneself!

SPONSOR for the MONTH:

An individual or business can sponsor a month's worth of weekend food to 100 eligible children for \$1,500 a month.

WEEKEND YOUTH SPONSOR:

An individual or group can help feed a child on the weekends during the school year for \$150/child. What a great way to contribute to our community's youth and future. Your donation will make a difference in the life of the child you sponsor!

CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR:

A donation of any amount is welcome and appreciated. Your support along with others will allow this program to flourish.

ORGANIZATION SPONSOR:

Organizations such as Churches, Youth Groups, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, 4-H & other clubs are encouraged to take up a collection to support the Sack Pack program during their weekly or monthly meetings.

Organizations are invited to volunteer to help prepare the sacks each week.

Name:	
Address:	
City:	State:
Phone:	
Email:	
Amount Enclosed:	\$

Please return to: Sack Pack Program

P.O. Box 7038, Yankton, SD 57078

Thank you for your monetary support in our quest to alleviate hunger in the youth of Yankton. Your contribution will make a difference in the life of a child!

"Because Achieving Doesn't Stop for the Weekend."



"as an educator, I feel good knowing many of our needy kids at least have something extra to snack on during the weekends. That's reassuring to me"- a Yankton School Principal

The Sack Pack Program & the Yankton School District have partnered together to provide sacks of easy to prepare, nutritious food to be distributed to school age children who are at risk of hunger on the weekends. Funds for this Sack Pack are provided **ONLY** by community support.

Because over 1/3 of the children in the Yankton School System are eligible for the Free & Reduced Meal Program the Sack Pack Program is a greatly needed resource in our community. This program was implemented with the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

Webster School, Lincoln School and Stewart School are being served. At the start of the 2010 school year . Other schools will be added according to need and as funds are raised.

Our goal is to expand this program to every elementary school in the city of Yankton. Future goals include expanding this to include the Middle & High School as well.

Did You Know?

Last year Yankton had 783 students eligible for the free lunch program with an additional 221 eligible for the Reduced portion of this program.

This is over 1/3 of our students in the Yankton school system.

The Sack Pack program will provide 362 of these children with a meal for both days of the weekend, ensuring at risk children receive meals on Saturday and Sundays.

If you are interested in helping to support the Sack Pack Program, please call 605-661-7793. We would love to meet with you or your group to answer questions about the Sack Pack Program and how we can better meet the needs of children in our community!



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