



End of the Year Report -2021-2022

Thank you for helping to make the Food 4 Kids Backpack program a success. We have just completed our 12th year serving the children of Lincoln County! I am excited to announce that after 12 years, Food 4 Kids Backpack Program is now recognized as a 501c3!!! This is a huge milestone for the program and our heartfelt thanks to Scott Northam for making this a reality. Below is information on what has been accomplished this year for children in our community.

- ✓ Our program year began with the start of summer. This was the 7th summer we offered weekend backpacks to the children in Lincoln County during summer break. Bags of food were hand-delivered to children in Ruidoso, Hondo, Carrizozo, and Capitan. During the 10-week period, we delivered 3,623 bags of food to hungry kids.
- ✓ The largest number of children signed up for a backpack during the year was 448. That is a 16.72% decrease over last year's number of 538.
- ✓ Total Number of Backpacks sent home during the year- 18,645. The end-of-year number for the 2019-2020 school year was 22,561. That is a 17.35% decrease from last year.
- ✓ Total Number of weeks backpacks were filled and sent home w/Kids- 48. We missed a week in April due to the McBride Fire. Several of our families and volunteers lost their homes to the fire or falling trees.
- ✓ The total amount of expenditures for the year-\$35,178.60. That is a decrease of 10.79% over last year's expenditures of \$39,437.62.
- ✓ Cost per serving of food for each child-\$1.88. Last year's dollar per backpack was \$1.74.
- ✓ Volunteer hours clocked were 2,923.
- ✓ Our parent/student surveys alerted us to the fact that kids wanted to see fresh fruit in the food bags. Two generous donors gave us money to purchase fruit for the kids. Fruit was sent home every other week. 96% of parents responded that the F4K's program helped them worry less about feeding their children. 47% responded sometimes it was hard to feed everyone in their household.
- ✓ Information from our database revealed that 71.05% of families report living on \$2,000 or less a month. That is down from last year's number of 76%. Two parent families are 49.82% (up from 48.21%), single parent family is 31.44% (down from 36.90%). Parents working either full or part-time is 55.37%, up from 53.17% last year. 40% of families own their home (up from 33.33%), 52.85% rent (down from 62.30%), 6.42% live with others (up from 3.42%)
- ✓ From June 1, 2021, through May 2022, we were able to get food to kids by home delivery in Ruidoso and school delivery and distribution in Carrizozo, Capitan and Hondo schools.
- ✓ Since March 2020, we have not used our Food 4 Kids Backpacks for delivery of food. We switched to only plastic bags due to the pandemic. Albertsons Market has graciously and consistently donated bags for us to use.
- ✓ We were not able to have our annual golf tournament to raise funds for the program. We have been blessed with many generous donors to help us continue to purchase food for the kids. We are already in the planning stages to resume our annual golf tournament in the summer of 2023!
- ✓ We were blessed again this year by continuous donations of peanut butter from the Spencer Ushers, food donations from the Lunchbox Giveaway and Fill the Bus campaigns at Albertsons and the Super Bowl Sliding Sunday food drive at Ruidoso Winter Park. All of these collaborations helped provide food for the children and saved the program money.
- ✓ In November we collected and delivered 20 thanksgiving food boxes to families in need. At Christmas, Danny Stagner, purchased all the food for 15 food boxes for our families. Included were Walmart gift cards so families could purchase needed items. The Gift Cards were made possible by a generous donation made by a local group of businesswomen in Ruidoso.

Your continued support is vital to the success of this program. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child.