



End of the Year Report -2022-2023

Thank you for helping to make the Food 4 Kids Backpack program a success. We have just completed our 13th year serving the children of Lincoln County! 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 8th 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 960 bags of food to hungry kids.
- ✓ Largest number of children signed up for a backpack during the year was 458. That is a 2.23% increase over last year's number of 448.
- ✓ Total Number of Backpacks sent home during year- 15,522. End of year number for 2020-2021 school year was 18,645. That is a 16.75% decrease from last year.
- ✓ Total Number of weeks backpacks were filled and sent home w/Kids- 47.
- ✓ Total amount of expenditures for the year-\$37,219.23. That is an increase of 5.80% over last year's expenditures of \$35,178.60.
- ✓ Cost per serving of food for each child-\$2.40. Last year's dollar per backpack was \$1.88. This is only the second year, in 13 years of service, that we have gone over \$2 a bag per child. I am certain food costs will push this cost per serving even higher in the coming year.
- ✓ Volunteer hours clocked were 2,596.
- ✓ Our parent/student surveys alerted us to the fact that kids wanted to see fresh fruit in the food bags. This year our surveys revealed that Fruit was the #1 favorite item in the backpack. 71% of parents said they would like to see more food included in the weekend food bag. 75% said they would like to see healthier food choices in the bag. 72% said the backpack food was the main source of weekend breakfast and lunch on the weekends either all the time or sometimes. 97% of parents said the Food 4 Kids food bag helped increase their food security and that of their children during these tough economic times.
- ✓ Information from our database revealed that 75.64% of families report living on \$2,000 or less a month. That is up from last year's number of 71.05%. Two parent families are 50.41% (up from 49.82%), single parent family is 30.52% (down from 31.44%). Parents working either full or part time is 84.35%, up from 55.37% last year. 36.94% of families own their home (down from 40%), 53.89% rent (up from 52.85%), 7.5% live with others (up from 6.42%).
- ✓ Information from our teacher surveys revealed that 93% of teachers surveyed either strongly agreed or agreed that overall there has been an improvement in students health. 79% responded overall there has been an improvement in student behavior. 50% responded there has been improvement in student academic performance.
- ✓ Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30, 2024! We will resume our annual golf tournament at the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course and we will be reaching out for golfers and sponsors! We are looking forward to a great day of fun, prizes and good food to raise money for the kids,
- ✓ 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 22 thanksgiving food boxes to families in need. At Christmas, Danny Stagner, purchased all the food for 16 food boxes for our families.

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