



DeForest Chapter

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

We will . . .

65 HOURS (the time from school dismissal on Friday to Monday morning) can be a long time for children who live with food insecurity.

- In the DeForest Area, one in five children are receiving free/reduced meals each day through the school lunch program. For the weekend, that resource is missing. Last year, DeForest's Blessing in a Backpack program provided food for over 140 children weekly. This food keeps hunger pangs at bay until children return to school on Monday morning.
- The impact goes beyond that. Survey results show that
 - ... 59% find it easier to learn at school
 - ... 60% do not get in trouble as much
 - ... 78% feel cared about by their community
 - ... 71% feel they are helping their family
 - ... 60% of the children report that their school attendance is better
- Children are provided a better chance of educational success through better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance.

Questions?

- If you have questions regarding the program, specific schools or signing up for the program, contact:

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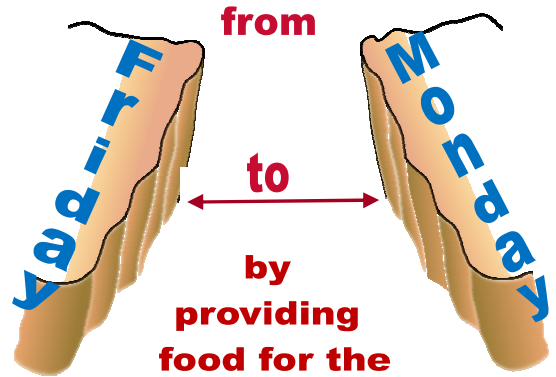
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Blessings in a Backpack - DeForest Area Schools

Bridging the Gap



by providing food for the weekend for children in need in the following DeForest Area Schools:

- Windsor Elementary School
- Morrisonville Elementary School
- Eagle Point Elementary School
- Yahara Elementary School
- Holum Education Center and the
- DeForest Area Schools 4K Programs
- DeForest Middle School (5th/6th grades)

You can make a difference in a hungry child's life

Interested in Supporting the Program?

- Monetary donations are always welcome. Donations can be mailed to Blessings in a Backpack - DeForest Chapter PO Box 396, DeForest WI 53532
- Food donations are also welcome. A list of items needed can be provided upon request.
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Blessings in a Backpack - a 501(c)3 non-profit organization currently feeds over 87,300 children in over 1000 schools in 45 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. The program is a hybrid of private sector funding and public partnership carried out in public schools. [National Organization: www.blessingsinabackpack.org](http://www.blessingsinabackpack.org)