

Backpacks for Friday

A partnership between

School District

& Southeast Missouri Food Bank



Childhood Hunger

Children who experience even occasional hunger may have trouble concentrating, aggressive tendencies, stunted growth and increased likelihood of obesity.

- Childhood hunger in our county is **XX** percent.
- **XX** percent of children in **XXXXXX** District are enrolled in school lunch/breakfast programs.

... but what happens on the weekends?





Backpacks for Friday is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at home over the weekend.

southeast missouri



About Backpacks for Friday

- Students are selected by teachers and counselors.
- A discreet pack of food is sent home with students on Friday.
- **XX** students in **XXXXX** District received packs in the 22-23 school year.



\$175 provides weekend meals for 1 student for a 36-week school year.

southeast missouri



What's In a Pack?

Pop-top
entrees
that
do not
require
cooking



Fruit cups
and
fruit juice

Rotating menus so kids don't
eat the same food every week

southeast missouri

FOOD  **BANK**

Southeast Missouri
Food Bank

Backpacks
For Friday



Feedback about BFF

“This food helps us a lot when things run short. It is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for this program that helps our family in hard times.”

“The food bags that are sent home on Fridays have been such a blessing.”

“I have students who will ask ‘Is this the day I get to take home my backpack?’”

southeast missouri



Q&A

Thank you for your time!

