

# Share's Backpack Program

There are 31,700+ children who receive free and reduced-fee meals in Clark County schools during the week. Many of these children are unsure whether they will have a meal on the weekends. Share is seeking to curb that hunger with our Backpack Program. Currently, 1,750 bags of food each week are filled with non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food. The bags are then distributed to kids at 97 schools including elementary, middle and high schools, as well as EOCF Head Start programs. The bags are discretely given out each Friday for kids to take home on the weekends.

Added to those 1,750 packs are 12 sets of High School Pantry Boxes that help support 20+ kids per school. The high school boxes weigh about 22 lbs. each, for a total of 264 lbs. of food to high schools each week.

We try to include some of the following food in the bags and boxes each week:

- **Fruit:** canned fruit, fruit cups, applesauce cups, juice boxes, dried fruit
- **Canned vegetables**
- **Grains** (2 lb. pkg or smaller): pasta, rice, cereal, oatmeal
- **Dry beans**
- **Canned soup or beans**
- **Boxed dinners:** macaroni & cheese, pasta sides, hamburger/tuna helper
- **Protein:** tuna, canned chicken, canned ham, other shelf-stable meats, peanut butter
- **Snacks:** applesauce, granola bars, fruit snacks, Jell-O
- **Important food items for homeless students:** microwaveable meals, cup of soup, easy open tuna, trail mix, cereal, granola, protein bars, beef jerky, jelly, instant oatmeal, pudding cups, single serving items that are 'heat & eat'

\* Space in bags is limited so smaller items are preferred and allow us to pack more into each bag. As these are also being distributed to young children, we do not include any glass in the bags, so plastic jars and containers are preferred.



**Thanks for supporting  
this vital program  
to feed children at risk  
of hunger!**



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