



## End of the Year Report -2020-2021

The Food 4 Kids Backpack Program has been sending weekend food home to hungry children in Lincoln County for 11 years. Thank you for helping to make the Food 4 Kids Backpack program a success. 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 6th summer we offered weekend backpacks to the children in Lincoln County during summer break. We had a group that volunteered to pack and hand deliver bags of food to children in Ruidoso, Hondo, Carrizozo and Capitan. During the 10-week period we delivered 3,618 bags of food to hungry kids. That is a 383.69% increase over the previous summer distribution.
- ✓ Largest number of kiddos signed up for a backpack during the year was 538. That is a 17.98% decrease over last year's number of 656.
- ✓ Total Number of Backpacks sent home during year- 22,561. End of year number for 2019-2020 school year was 14,651. That is a 53.99% increase from last year.
- ✓ Total Number of weeks backpacks were filled and sent home w/Kiddos- 49
- ✓ Total amount of expenditures for the year-\$39,437.62. That is an increase of 28.06% over last year's expenditures of \$30,794.13.
- ✓ Cost per serving of food for each kiddo-\$1.74. Last year's dollar per backpack was \$2.10.
- ✓ Volunteer hours clocked were 3,106. That is almost double last year's total of 1,628.
- ✓ From June 1, 2020 through the end of August 2020, we were able to get food to kids by home delivery, school distribution and parent pickup. In September of 2020 we altered our procedures to include classroom delivery. In November of 2020 when the schools went to remote learning only, we again adjusted our procedures and went to strictly home delivery in Ruidoso and delivery by the school in Capitan, Hondo and Carrizozo. We have made the decision to continue home delivery to ensure the kids are receiving the weekend food on a consistent basis.
- ✓ Since March of 2020 we have not used our Food 4 Kids Backpacks for delivery of food. We switched to only plastic bags due to covid. 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.
- ✓ Again, this year we partnered with Children's Dental Clinic and Dr. Kenneth Childress to send toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and mouthwash home to every child that received a food bag.
- ✓ Again, this year the Food 4 Kids program partnered with the Sierra Blanca Book Share Program to provide free books to every child receiving a weekend food bag. Books were sent home only once due to Covid and the fact that we are using plastic bags instead of backpacks.
- ✓ 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 18 thanksgiving food boxes to families in need. In December, Danny Stagner, owner of Stagner Landscape, purchased all the food, including hams, for 10 food boxes for our families. This Christmas we purchased 10 Walmart gift cards to send home with the food boxes so families could purchase needed items. We felt this was a better approach due to the Covid health concerns.

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