



BackPack Bulletin



Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year!

The Backpack Program is beginning its 7th school year and is handing out 2,513 backpacks every Friday. We sure have come a long way since our 50 backpacks at Clinton Elementary School in Lincoln and know we still have a long ways to go to feed all of the hungry children and families that could use our backpacks. This year, quite a few schools have seen a larger response for backpacks than expected which has created a large waiting list for many schools. The Food Bank is working very diligently to relieve some of the waiting list students at our Lincoln schools.

Thank you as always to our dedicated volunteers. This program would not run as smoothly as it does without each and every one of you. Your compassion for hungry children is very inspiring and we think we have the best volunteers around. Thanks for everything you do on behalf of hungry children in Southeast Nebraska.

-Alynn-

Dates to Remember...

Visit one of the following events in another community to see how they are raising funds and awareness for their programs.

Golf to Beat Hunger
October 2, 2010 – Syracuse Country Club
Contact Pastor Paul – dpcoen@windstream.net

Milford Cream Can Supper
October 3, 2010 7pm
Contact - davidgeary@windstream.net

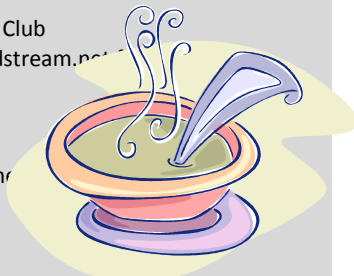
McPride Pack Night
October 5, 2010 4pm-9pm
McDonalds at the York Exit - portion of sales support the program
Many McDonalds will do this for you!

Utica Tail Gate
Centennial vs. Lincoln Lutheran game
October 22, 2010 5pm-7pm

Seward Empty Bowl Luncheon
October 26, 2010 11am-1 pm
Civic Center - 616 Bradford St
Call 402-466-8170 for ticket information

Lincoln Center Kiwanis Pancake Feed
November 4, 2010 7am-8 pm - Pershing Auditorium
Call Robyn Spaeth 402-580-1382 for ticket information

Beatrice Empty Bowls Luncheon
March 23, 2011 - Classic's - Beatrice Country Club (13th & Oak)
Call 402-466-8170 for ticket information



Fundraising Ideas

Encourage your school parent teacher organizations to help raise funds. Find individuals, parents or students in the community or churches who can help you with these efforts!

Host a Soup Luncheon

- Contact your local restaurants to serve their favorite soup recipe
- Find a local potter to make ceramic soup bowls
- Invite guests to purchase a ticket for \$20. This lets them sample all soups and choose a ceramic bowl to keep.

For more information, please contact the Food Bank 466-8170 for tools on building a successful Empty Bowls luncheon.

Ideas to share with local business partners

Start a "BackPack Change Jar". Invite colleagues to drop their spare change into a designated jar. Have various departments compete to raise the most money. At the end of each month, count the money and donate it to the Backpack Program. If \$5 can provide one child with enough food for the weekend, what can the money you collected do?

Ideas to share with schools

Arrange with school officials to put "BackPack Change Jars" in classrooms and school offices. Students, teachers and staff can drop spare change into the jars to raise money for your Backpack Program. Or, set up a competition between different classes or grades within your school, or different schools within your school district, to see who collects the most money during a certain time period. When the contest ends, count the money. If \$200 can provide one child with enough food for one weekend for the entire school year, how many children will be fed with the total funds raised?

Start a "BackPack Cool Club" at your school. Your student organization can help raise awareness of local, national and global hunger while finding ways to support your Backpack Program. Caring is cool!

Other Fundraising ideas!

- Hold a silent or live auction, raffle, or rummage sale.
- Sponsor a car wash, book sale, bake sale or craft/holiday gift fair.
- Have a bake sale, lemonade stand, or hot chocolate stand. Fight hunger by selling goodies and drinks and donating the money to your program.
- Sell ice cream treats during lunch time, proceeds benefitting your program.

Welcome to our new sites that began this year!

Syracuse Public Schools	Campbell Elementary
North Star High School Student Parents	Raymond Central
Northeast High School Student Parents	Randolph Elementary

The Backpack Program is supported by:

Food Bank of Lincoln
4840 Doris Bair Circle, Suite A
Lincoln, NE 68504
www.lincolnfoodbank.org
402.466.8170

