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Second Harvest Food Bank to Host BackPackular Event to Benefit Students At The Warren County School District

Warren, PA., January 12, 2017 – As the school year continues into the spring semester, the need of hungry schoolchildren in Warren remains. Each week the Second Harvest BackPack Program provides bags of food to nearly 350 students throughout the Warren County School District. Income eligible students in 2nd and 3rd grades receive a BackPack of food that contains enough servings to provide at least 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners as well as snack items. The BackPacks are distributed to students on Fridays to help feed them over the weekend.

This Saturday, Second Harvest will host the final **BackPackular** of the 2016-17 school year. Nearly 3,700 BackPacks will be assembled during this 4 ½ - hour event and will be distributed throughout the remainder of the second semester. Approximately 70 volunteers will be on hand to aid with the project.

“It is proven that children who go to school hungry are unable to focus on their studies and their grades often suffer because of it,” said Karen Seggi, executive director of Second Harvest. “I am thankful that we are able to partner with so many different individuals, groups and businesses in Warren who share our concern for the youth in our area and recognize the need for the BackPack Program.”

Volunteer assistance for the event will come from a variety of individuals, civic groups and school clubs across the Warren area that include Warren Kiwanis, Warren Rotary, Warren Area High School Key Club, Eisenhower High School Key Club, Builders Club, Hooktown Holidays, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau as well as students from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

BackPackular Event Details

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017

Time: 8:00am-12:30pm (Volunteers will be available for posed photos from 10:00-10:20am)

Location: Allegheny Valley School | 100 North Main Street | Clarendon, PA

To request more information about the *BackPackular* event, please call Cindy Plymyer at 814-459-3663, ext. 103, or email her at cplymyer@nwpafoodbank.org.

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About the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania

The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania is to provide food to those in need within 11 counties of northwest Pennsylvania while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger. Last year, Second Harvest distributed 13 million pounds of food to 297 member agencies and 140 distribution sites for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program for low-income seniors.

Second Harvest serves the following 11 counties in northwest Pennsylvania:

Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango and Warren.