

# FALL 2024 BREAD BOX REPORT

Hunger in  
northwest Pennsylvania

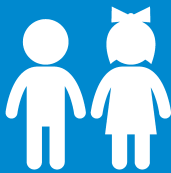


IN THE PAST SCHOOL  
YEAR, YOUR GIFTS  
HELPED PROVIDE:

**92,944**  
BACKPACKS  
OF FOOD



**3,800**  
STUDENTS WITH  
FOOD EACH WEEK



**27**  
SCHOOL  
PANTRIES



**46**  
BACKPACK  
PROGRAMS



## YOU'RE BRINGING JOY BACK TO MEALTIME.

The new school year brings excitement, renewed connections with teachers and friends, and the joys and challenges of learning. For more than 26,000 children in Northwest Pennsylvania, one challenge is getting enough nutritious food to eat.

Second Harvest's BackPack and School Pantry programs provide food to thousands of children each week.

*"This service can be a blessing for those who need the food," a local elementary school teacher said. "Everyone's budget is stretched due to inflation. Students are excited to be able to take these home to assist their families."*

Beginning this October, five more schools will participate in our BackPack program, bringing additional nutritious food to even more children. This is in addition to the nearly 3,100 children who currently receive a backpack of food each week.

Your gifts are empowering our neighbors and creating a community where everyone can thrive. But there are many more who need your help.

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## YOU'RE NOURISHING MULTIPLE GENERATIONS.

Family means everything to Margaret. That's why she didn't hesitate for a moment to bring her two kids and five grandchildren into her home once monthly costs outweighed their monthly paycheck. Love for her family is also why Margaret visits her local food pantry each month.

*"Feeding eight isn't easy! It never has been,"* Margaret said with a laugh.

*"We try to get by together, but like a lot of people, we need some help to make sure our babies eat well and feel secure."*

Shortly after her first visit, Margaret signed up to become a volunteer and now spends several hours a month, as she puts it, *"doing her part."*

*"It's a blessing to know we belong to a family outside of our house, too. It's not easy right now. We all need each other,"* Margaret said.

For more information on volunteering, please visit [nwpafoodbank.org](http://nwpafoodbank.org).



### You Can Fight Hunger for Years to Come

Gifts in wills have put food into the hands of our friends and neighbors for decades. They've helped improve our facilities, expand our reach, and feed more people every year.

When you make a legacy gift to Second Harvest in your will, you'll become a permanent part of the solution to hunger in northwest Pennsylvania.

To include a gift in your will, you will need our legal name and Tax ID number:

**Second Harvest Food Bank  
of Northwest Pennsylvania  
Tax ID #25-1405798**

Learn more about legacy giving. Contact Breanna Watts at (814) 459-3663 ext. 114 or [BWatts@NWPAFoodBank.org](mailto:BWatts@NWPAFoodBank.org).



## BECAUSE OF YOU, KIDS HAVE THE FUEL TO THRIVE!

Gavin, 11, is a tough kid to keep up with. Just ask his friends on the playground — and his parents.

He loves sports, particularly soccer. With multiple practices and a full slate of schoolwork each week, it's important Gavin eats enough of the right kinds of food needed to sustain an active lifestyle.

**Thanks to you, Gavin has all the fuel he needs for success on the field and in the classroom.**

Your support provides food through our Backpack and School Pantry programs at Gavin's school. Because of you, Gavin can pick up healthy snacks, as well as ingredients for nutritious meals for the entire family.

*"The cereal bars and fruit are really nice to have because I can keep them in my backpack or eat them right before practice. That way, I can give every day my all."*

Thank you for increasing access to healthy food for children in our community. By taking action, you're providing the fuel our future generations need to learn and grow.