The BackPack Program

In Northwest Ohio, 1 in 4 children don’t know where their next meal is coming from. These children are at a higher risk of developing certain health problems, behavioral issues and social difficulties than their well-fed peers, all of which can adversely affect their ability to perform well in the classroom.

The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank’s BackPack Program, a program of the Feeding America network, aims to ensure that children struggling with hunger in our region are getting the nutritious food they need to learn, grow and thrive.

Thanks to generous donors, like you, we are able to provide backpacks filled with nutritious foods to elementary school children who rely on school meals to take home over the weekend or while on school breaks so they won’t go hungry. During an average distribution week, about 85-100 backpacks are given out to children in need. In the past year, the BackPack program has provided nearly 5,000 meals to children in our community – and we couldn’t have done this without your help!

Volunteers assemble backpacks in the Food Bank warehouse and they are delivered to participating schools on a biweekly basis.

This year, we hope to welcome more schools within our 8-county service area as BackPack program partners, filling the bellies of even more hungry children in Northwest Ohio.
YOUR IMPACT:

97 cents of every dollar that you give to the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank is spent directly on programs and services, helping to provide more than 8.5 million meals per year to hungry people throughout the region. Since our creation in 1984, we have distributed more than 100 million pounds of food.

Once again we are proud to receive a four star rating from Charity Navigator. Thank you for your support!

Weekend and To-Go Food Boxes Help Reduce Senior Hunger

Seniors are one of the age groups most vulnerable to facing hunger, often required to choose between food and lifesaving medical care. In collaboration with the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, we are working to combat senior hunger and improve the health of those age 60 and over with limited incomes by supplementing their diets with healthy and nutritious foods packed into Weekend Boxes and Food Boxes To Go.

- Weekend Boxes and Food Boxes To Go are filled with food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, rice, beans, cereal, and more. Special care is made to include items high in protein, and items that are easy to prepare such as premade meals in microwavable pouches.
- On our highest distribution weeks, we see about 280 boxes given to older adults in our community.

There are currently more than 5 million adults age 60 and older in the United States struggling with hunger. We need your help now more than ever to combat senior hunger in Northwest Ohio.

Weekend and To-Go Food Boxes

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We are taking a swing against hunger! The Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank is excited to be hosting its first-ever golf tournament this summer on Monday, June 25 at the Sylvania Country Club in Sylvania, Ohio. Our usual summer event, the music festival, has been a success in the past, our continuous growth has prompted us to try something new this year.

Former pro golfer Alan Fadel is serving as the event’s Honorary Chairman. One lucky group of golfers will be joined by Mr. Fadel as a member of their foursome. In addition to the tournament, golfers will be able to enjoy a meal and the opportunity to bid on a variety of silent auction and raffle items.

All proceeds from the Golf Classic will benefit our Harvest Market program. The Harvest Market is essentially a mobile grocery store on wheels that brings fresh fruits and vegetables, lean protein, dairy and other essentials to communities that would otherwise lack access to healthy foods.

The Golf Classic will be executed as a scramble, making it fun for golfers of all skill levels. The event will begin at 11am and a closing ceremony will be held afterward.

Join us as we take a swing against hunger! For more information about the Hope for the Hungry Food Drive, please visit our website at www.toledofoodbank.org or call 419-242-5000.

Healthy Food Donations Needed.

Many commonly donated foods are high in salt, sugar, or calories, making them poor choices for people with high blood pressure, diabetes, and other diet-related health problems. With more people turning to the Toledo NW Ohio Food Bank, we need your donations today.

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Light Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Jellies & Jams
- 100% Juice
- Soup & Broth
- Tomato Sauce Products
- Applesauce
- Cereal & Granola
- Rice & Oats
- Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Whole Wheat Crackers
- Popcorn
- Powdered Milk
- Evaporated Milk
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Baby Items
- Feminine Hygiene

Please, no perishable foods, frozen foods, glass jars, or baby food.
Over 30 Years of Serving Our Community!

Mission

Our Mission is to enable other community organizations to end hunger. We strive to maximize community resources by effectively obtaining and distributing food through a collection and distribution system.

Over the past 34 years, the Food Bank has distributed over 100 million pounds of food and grocery products to our member agencies. Currently, the Food Bank serves over 250 nonprofit agencies.

Thank You for making our event a success!