Many children rely on school meals for breakfast and lunch during the week but go home to little or no meals on the weekends. The Houston Food Bank’s Backpack Buddy program works to fill the weekend gap for chronically hungry children by providing nutritious, child-friendly food for children to take home over the weekend during the school year and during summer.

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For more information visit houstonfoodbank.org/backpackbuddy

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