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.

**1 in 5 children** in Houston Food Bank’s 18-county service area is food insecure

**237,109 bags of food** distributed to kids through the Backpack Buddy program in Fiscal Year ’23 (July 2022 - June 2023)

**2,772,244 million meals** provided to kids through the Backpack Buddy program in FY23

**736 unique sites** and Houston Food Bank partners distributed bags

**$4.24 per bag** cost for Houston Food Bank to fill a bag with 6 meals for a child

**$108 donation** for a school year’s worth of meals over the weekend for a child

If you are interested in receiving a bag, please contact your local school for participation.

For more information visit houstonfoodbank.org/backpackbuddy

Our Mission: Food for better lives. Our Vision: A world that doesn’t need food banks.

A gift of $10 provides access to 30 meals for someone in the community

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