



BackpackBuddy

a houston**food**bank program

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

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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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