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PROGRAMS OF THE IDAHO FOODBANK

IMPACT REPORT

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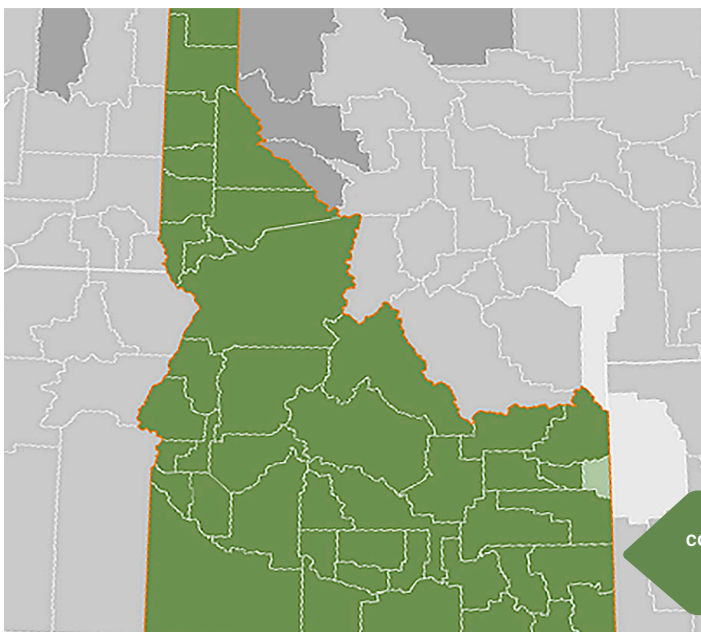


Childhood Food Insecurity:

Idaho is home to more than 75,000 kids with food insecurity – the lack of access, at times, to enough food to support a healthy and active lifestyle. Knowing that more than 16% of children in Idaho may not get enough to eat is a problem by itself, but its implications extend well beyond hunger pangs.

Our Impact:

We can help our children to grow and learn through supporting their nutritional needs and providing families with access to additional resources to live healthy lives and thrive.

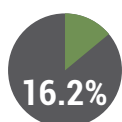


Dark green counties have a child food insecurity rate of 13% or more

IN A SURVEY ABOUT OUR BACKPACK PROGRAM, WE FOUND THAT:

- A vast majority of schools reported that attendance of children in the program improved
- **80%** of parents reported the Backpack Program helped them worry less about feeding their child over the weekend
- **78%** of parents reported an improvement in their child's well-being

CHILD (<18 YEARS)
FOOD INSECURITY
RATE IN IDAHO



EST. GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN IN IDAHO



35% Likely ineligible for federal nutrition programs (incomes above 185% of poverty)

65% Income eligible for federal nutrition programs (incomes at or below 185% of poverty)

FOOD INSECURE
POPULATION (CHILD)
IN IDAHO

75,000



BACKPACKS
DISTRIBUTED THROUGH
BACKPACK PROGRAM

68,544



HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED THROUGH
SCHOOL PANTRY

15,143



BACKPACK PROGRAM



For many Idaho children facing food insecurity, school meals may be their only reliable source of nutrition. On weekends, they often go without nutritious food. The Backpack Program provides children with a bag of nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods that can be placed in their backpacks on the last day of the school week, ensuring they

have food to eat through the weekend when school meals aren't available. The bags are discreetly placed in students' backpacks to ensure privacy and dignity. One parent shared, "The thing I like about being a part of this was to see my daughter's face and know she didn't have to worry because we were able to have something for her to eat."

“ My son enjoyed [it]. He felt that he had his own food to meal prep and snack on and also with him being hungry so much he was able to grab and eat his food. – Parent, SW Idaho ”

BACKPACK NUMBERS:

Solving Childhood Hunger

68,544 Backpacks distributed statewide
 2,023 children served statewide (monthly average)
 213 schools/54 school districts

BACKPACK PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY:

- Andre Agassi Foundation for Education
- Andrew & Danielle Boespflug
- Bayer Fund
- Betty Family Fund
- Constance C. and Linwood A. Lacy, Jr. Foundation
- Daniel Walsh & Julie Kikuchi
- DeAtley Family Foundation
- Harmon & Lea Kong
- Hansberger Foundation
- Harold R. Brown Foundation
- Idaho Central Credit Union
- Kathy & Dan Boespflug
- Karla & Mark Slusser
- Leuthold Family Foundation
- Merchant-Heeb Charitable Foundation
- Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.
- Sensata Technologies Foundation, Inc.
- The Albertsons Co Foundation
- The Bews' Foundation
- The Chalfant Family

SCHOOL PANTRY



The School Pantry Program began because many students in the Backpack Program were sharing that food with their siblings and parents. To address this need, The Idaho Foodbank worked with numerous schools to set up and stock a food pantry on school grounds. This way, families can conveniently access healthy food when picking up their children from school. Some pantries operate as a choice pantry, meaning that children and

parents 'shop' for the items they need, giving them more choice and dignity.

School Pantries have since become a critical support system for 40 schools and local communities. One parent at Garfield Elementary says, "I could not feed my family as much and we would have very little if I didn't come to the Garfield food pantry. I am very grateful to everyone who helps us."

“ Thanks to you, a family of 5 can have a better life...we can use our money to pay bills and use the food to feed our family. Without this help, our economic situation would be much more difficult. I am very grateful. – Parent, Boise ”

SCHOOL PANTRY NUMBERS:

Solving Childhood Hunger

15,143 total households served
 400,936 lbs of food for 334,113 meals for those in need
 40 schools/23 school districts

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- The Chalfant Family Fund
- The Julius C. Jeker Foundation Inc
- United Way of Treasure Valley



About The Idaho Foodbank

The Idaho Foodbank is an independent, donor-supported, nonprofit organization with a mission to nourish, educate, and advocate to support thriving, food-secure communities across Idaho. It is the largest statewide distributor of free food assistance in Idaho. The Idaho Foodbank was established in 1984 and since that time has distributed millions of pounds of nutritious food through its facilities in Lewiston, Meridian, and Pocatello. In the last fiscal year, The Foodbank provided food for more than 21 million meals to Idahoans living with food insecurity. The Foodbank distributes food through a network of more than 400 Partner Agencies including schools, food pantries, senior centers, feeding sites, shelters, mobile pantries, and churches. The Idaho Foodbank focuses on providing nutritious food and collaborates with community organizations to promote nutrition education, wellness resources, and healthy living. Visit idahofoodbank.org for more information. You can also find us on your favorite social media platform.

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