



Student Hunger is at an All-Time High in Loudoun

On a day when many of us are thinking about shopping and leftovers, some students in Loudoun County will go hungry. Again.

School is more than a place to quench the thirst for knowledge - in some cases, it's the only reliable source of food for our students. Free and reduced breakfast and lunch options help students stay fed, stay in school, and stay focused on their studies.

On weekends and holidays, the Loudoun Education Foundation's **Backpack Coalition** provides packs of food and hygiene products to ensure that needs stay met while school is closed.

That need is at an all-time high.

In the first two months of the school year, the demand for the Backpack Coalition has increased nearly 30%, year-over-year, and regularly serves more than 1,000 students and their families each week.

In January, the Backpack Coalition launched six school pantries, as part of a pilot program to further fill the gaps. Since then, the number of schools requesting pantries has doubled.

You can help meet the need.

Thanks to partnerships that allow us to buy food at discounted rates, a little bit goes a long way!

\$10 – Provides one weekend meal bag per student

\$40 – Provides one month of weekend meal bags

\$250 – Provides one month of food from a school pantry

This Giving Tuesday, would you please consider a donation to support LEF's Backpack Coalition:

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Backpack Coalition: By the Numbers

The first two months of the school year have been the busiest months in the history of the Backpack Coalition program, including:

- 9,000+ weekly meal bags delivered
- 2,000+ pantry visits
- 42,760 total food items
- 1,050 hygiene items
- 50 household items

Let's celebrate what we're thankful for by helping our most vulnerable:



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