



McBackpack, Inc.

2021 - 2022 School Year

Mission statement

Believing that children, if well nourished, are able to participate more fully in the learning environment, McBackpack provides supplemental food to Poudre School District students and their families who otherwise would not have enough food over the weekend.





The ARPA Immediate Needs Grant from Larimer County was critical to our being able to deliver a total of **8646 bags of food** which translated to the equivalent of **72,421 lbs. of food.**

This food was then delivered to students in Pre-K – 12th grade across more than 40 different schools throughout the Poudre School District.

Criteria for Inclusion in McBackpack

- School-age children (Pre-K thru 12)
- Students where school personnel have identified behaviors or physical attributes that indicate chronic hunger and/or food insecurity, such as:
 - Extreme hunger on Monday mornings
 - Quickly eating all of the food served and asking for more
 - Asking when the next meal will be served
 - Regularly asking their teacher for food
 - Saving/hoarding/stealing food to take home
 - Anxious/lack of concentration
 - Low energy/sleeps in class
 - Chronic sickness
 - Relationship with the student and their families confirms they need this type of support

Stories...

We have a family who arrived to the U.S. from Africa in crisis this winter. They had to quickly leave their home country and relocate to Colorado, a place they had never seen. Two parents and four children arrived at our doors speaking no English, with no transportation, and trusting us to educate two (soon to be three) of their children.

This family has opened up to becoming part of our community. The McBackpack program has supported them as they get on their feet, search for jobs, work to learn English, and adjust to life in the U.S. We are so grateful that we have been able to provide them a constant in the form of reliable food. They have expressed so much gratitude and taught all of us here a lesson about how to accept help gracefully.

I have a third-grade girl that asks me about her backpack every Friday morning. She consistently gets it at the same time on Friday afternoons, and her attention to this detail just goes to show how important it is to her and how food insecurity is easily linked to anxiety. Thanks to you and your team's work, she is able to let go of some of the stress that she feels about the weekend because she knows that she will have food to eat.



Our school receives 3 bags each week from McBackpack. All 3 families indicate that if it wasn't for the bags, they would not have much food for the family and express how they so APPRECIATE the food bags!

Thank you for all you do



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Larimer
County for
helping us to
fulfill our
mission!
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