

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Deubrook Backpack Project (DBP) works with school staff to provide a free supply of meals and snacks to students who may need an additional food resource over weekends during the school year.

The food is given to the children before they leave school each Thursday (or, in case of holiday, the last day before the break).

Any child enrolled in the Deubrook Public Schools is eligible. There is no other eligibility requirement. This program is not associated with the free or reduced-cost lunch program. The information is kept confidential by the school superintendent.

Once the school receives the consent form, the child's name is added to the list of students registered for DBP. If DBP has sufficient funds, the child will soon begin to receive a supply of kid-friendly food at the end of each school week.



HOW CAN YOU SIGN UP TO RECEIVE A BACKPACK

The parent/guardian needs to complete and turn a form into the school. This form can be found in the information packet sent out before the start of the school year or by simply contacting the school office. **There are no income guidelines.** If you feel you need this help, please sign up. If you know of someone who needs this help, please let them know about the Deubrook Backpack Project.

ITEMS IN FOOD BAG

Typical items in food bag:

- Easy-Mac
- Canned corn/beans
- Ravioli
- Canned fruit
- Juice boxes
- Organic shelf stable milk
- Trail mix
- Cold/hot cereals
- Fruit snacks
- Pudding

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please know that the value of your monetary donation to DBP will far exceed its dollar amount in the lives of children served and the value of your work on their behalf will transcend the number of hours you volunteer. We thank you in advance for your extraordinary generosity.

Your generous gift of only \$6 will feed a child for an entire weekend. Your gift of \$30, for an entire month. Your gift of \$300, for the entire school year.

Individuals and companies may make tax-free deposits directly to the Deubrook Backpack Project Checking Account at the First Bank and Trust in either White or Brookings, South Dakota. Checks may also be given to the White United Methodist Church Financial Secretary for deposit to the Deubrook Backpack Project checking account held at First Bank & Trust.

DBP operates under the umbrella of the White United Methodist Church, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Its Tax ID number 46-0374448.

What Is "Food Insecurity" And What Does It Look Like In America?

Food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods.

Food insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

Food insecurity exists in every county in South Dakota. But not everyone struggling with hunger qualifies for federal nutrition assistance.

(Information gleaned from www.feedingamerica.org)

Poverty and Hunger in Brookings County

Feeding America reports that in 2013 (the latest statistic) the food insecurity rate for children in Brookings County was 13.7. That percentage continues to grow each year.

The likely income eligibility for Federal Nutrition Assistance in Brookings County shows that 52% of the population are eligible for SNAP, WIC and free school lunches and another 12% eligible for reduced lunches and WIC. These statistics are instrumental in determining the necessity if this program.

Although our numbers remain fairly consistent, the need is expected to increase in the future due to the increase in enrollment in the coming years.



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We believe that no child should go hungry because of lack of food or economic hardship.

The Deubrook Backpack Project provides three nutritious meals and healthy snacks per day over weekends when meals are not available through the school for children attending the Deubrook Area Public Schools. The Deubrook Backpack Project provides food throughout the school-year, generally 38 weeks, including the weekends of holidays and extended breaks.

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