



Ohio County Food Pantry Case Story



Recently the Ohio County Food Pantry received a call from a local health care provider about a young mother with three children. This mother did not speak English but had walked from McHenry to Beaver Dam (4 miles) in order to have her children seen by the health care provider. While working with this mother, the provider's office discovered that there was no food in the home, the father was in jail and this mother walked with three kids age 5 and under in very cold weather. With help from the provider's office staff, the food pantry provided the mother with food immediately. The following day the pantry contacted the local school resource coordinator to ensure that the children were enrolled in preschool and that these children would immediately begin receiving backpacks through that school. This would ensure that the children had food in the home, outside of the school setting.

Other information received from school resource coordinators:

Brothers that are in kindergarten and first grade told me that when their food stamps run out they know they will have food because of their backpack food.

Twin girls in second grade didn't ever bring a snack and were so excited to get added to the backpack program because they said they didn't have any extra food at home.

When I go into classrooms I have kids who constantly ask me "is today when I get my backpack food?"

I have a family of six that tell me that is how they get to eat snacks on the weekend.

I have kids that will come and tell me if they were absent so they can get their food bag the next day.

How Dollars Help Our Clients



\$100

\$100 provides one child with a backpack for 33 weeks during the year

\$500

\$500 provides five children with backpacks for 33 weeks out of the year, or provides 3+ children with backpacks the entire year.

\$1,000

\$1000 provides 10 children with backpacks for 33 week out of the year, or provides 6+ children with backpacks the entire year.