



Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank

HARVEST HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 2017

BackPack Program Brightens Kindergartener's Fridays

"Is it Friday yet?" asked a kindergartener. It was a nearly daily question he'd ask Stacey Achterhoff, Duluth Public Schools "Families in Transition Program," since he enrolled in our BackPack Program.

Stacey had seen this little boy often. He'd stop by her office to fill up on food brought to her office to fill a need. But now, thanks to your support, he found our BackPack Program - a weekly program providing food to Northland children in need.



"It's something the kids look forward to," Stacey said. "And it's a question I get asked all the time - 'is it Friday?'"

In a region where child food insecurity hovers above the state average, your support fills an important meal gap. We leverage nutritional food, provide it to schools that slip it into a child's own back pack. It reaches 16 school districts and ensures meals for over 1,000 NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin children weekly.

With your continued support we plan to expand our BackPack Program. Every dollar you contribute will allow us to feed more children in need (thank you!).

Food Bank, Food Shelf. What's the Difference?

Often confused as a food shelf, our food bank fills an important regional need. Join us for our quarterly "Behind the Scenes Tour" to learn how your region's only food bank rescues nationally and regionally donated food for distribution throughout NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin. USDA estimates as much as 27% of food produced in our country never makes it to our dinner table. Learn how we rescue it impacts people right here in the Northland.





Behind the Scenes Tour

September 14, 2017

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch is provided, [RSVP](#) by September 11.

DSTA Event Drives Success

The Duluth Superior Transportation Association's (DSTA) "Fill-A-Truck, Feed-A-Family" Food and Fund Drive raised \$7,072 and 7,131 pounds of food. This 4th annual event will ensure 26,920 meals for Northland children, families and seniors in need. Association volunteers from the transportation industry collected food and fund donations at area Super One Foods and WDIO-DT provided media coverage. Thank you DSTA and all those who contributed to this wonderful June event. You will feed many!



Target® - A Partnership of Food and Hours



Our partnership with Target® spans 12 years and includes 1 million pounds of food and 100 hours of volunteer support contributed. Six-days-a-week we rescue food from their retail grocery operation in Duluth and Virginia, which supplies our region's in need families, children and seniors with nearly 78,000 meals annually. "Second Harvest makes it easy for us to contribute," said Kari Clauson, Target, Duluth, who helps coordinate volunteers. "In just a few hours we're able to have great impact on those in need in our community." Want to join them? [Contact us](#) today.

Help Us Glean Local Produce

Years ago, we received a frantic call from Bayfield, WI, apple producers. They had apples to donate but needed our food bank to mobilize volunteers for their picking. Within a week of their call, snow was flying in October in NW Wisconsin. But thanks to our fast-acting volunteers, we rescued more than 39,000 pounds of fresh apples for distribution to regional residents in need.

Would you, your friends, family, or colleagues like to help us harvest local produce if it becomes available? [Contact us](#) (218) 336-2303 and we'll add you to our list of those to contact. Please help us save fresh produce from area landfills and instead feed families, children and seniors in need!



Our Mission:

To feed the hungry of Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin.

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