

## BATH AREA BACKPACK PROGRAM

Yes, I am proud to sponsor a hungry child

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I will help to feed a hungry Bath child at either the Dike-Newell, Fisher Mitchell, Phippsburg Elementary, or Bath Middle School by doing the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$225 Individual Sponsorship: One child for one school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$113 Sponsor a child for ½ year

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Sponsor a child for one month

\_\_\_\_\_ \$230 Business Sponsorship: One child for one year. Includes business name recognition on all publicity material.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer. Contact me at \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form along with your tax deductible donation to:**

Mail Your Donation To:

**Bath Area Backpack Program**

P.O. Box 1155

Bath, ME 04530

Check Memo Line: %Bath Backpack Program

OR

Mail or Hand-Deliver Your Donation To:

**Bath Savings Institution**

Memo: % Bath Backpack Program

107 Front Street

Bath, ME 04530

OR

Mail Your Donation To:

**Good Shepard Food Bank**

Memo: % Bath Backpack Program

3121 Hotel Road

Auburn, ME 04211

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## Bath Area Backpack Program

Bath, Maine

*"Feeding Hungry Children"*

Providing weekend and school vacation backpacks to needy children in the Bath area schools.



*"We get things to eat. I like the spaghetti."*

- 1st Grade Child

*"We get raisins, cans of food and sometimes little yogurt things. My favorite is the apple sauce."*

-2nd Grade Child

*"I bring my bag of food to my dad's house when I go there because they can't afford to have a lot of food there!"*

-2nd Grade Child

*"The food in the bags kind of makes me grow more!"*

- 1st Grade Child

*"I like the bags of food because we are running out of food at our house and my little sister really likes the fruit packs!"*

-1st Grade Child

YOU CAN HELP...  
SPONSOR A CHILD  
SPONSOR A SCHOOL



**For More Information:**

Bath Area Backpack Program

P.O. Box 1155

Bath, Maine 04530

207-443-4707

The Bath Backpack Program is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.

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The **Bath Area Backpack Program** mission is to generate funds to provide nutritious, easy to prepare food for food insecure children to insure that they have enough food during school-year weekends and vacations when they can't depend on school free and reduced-price meals to avoid hunger.

**Our monthly Backpack rotation consists of:**

<p><b>MENU 1</b></p> <p>1 -Whole Wheat Pasta 1 - Spaghetti Sauce 1 - Canned Chicken</p> <p>1. Mixed Vegetable 1. Milk 1 - Fruit Cup 2 - Fruit Squeezes 2 - Oatmeal Pouches</p>	<p><b>MENU 2</b></p> <p>1 - Brown Rice 1 - Canned Black Beans 1 - Mixed Vegetable 1. Sunbutter cup 1. Milk 1 - Fruit Cup 2 - Fruit Squeezes 2 - Oatmeal Pouches</p>
<p><b>MENU 3</b></p> <p>1.Chicken and Rice Soup 1 Canned Chicken 1.Canned Carrots 1. Milk 1- Mac &amp; Cheese 1. Fruit Cup 2 - Fruit Squeezes 2 - Oatmeal Pouches</p>	<p><b>MENU 4</b></p> <p>1 - Vegetable and Beef Soup 1 - Brown Rice 1 - Canned Green Beans 1. Milk 1. Sunbutter Cup 1 - Fruit Cup 2 - Fruit Squeezes 2 - Oatmeal Pouches</p>

\*Between 43% and 68% of Bath school children (varies from school to school) receive either free or reduced lunch.



**Help Us Feed a Child During School Weekends and Vacations**

In 2014, several Bath churches, businesses, organizations and individuals partnered with the GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK to help ease hunger among school children starting at the Dike-Newell School. Because of the growing and enthusiastic community response to the Backpack Program, the BBPP continued at Dike-Newell and began at the Fisher-Mitchell School in September, 2015.

In the 2015-16 school year, more than two out of three children at the elementary and middle school level in Bath qualified for either free or reduced priced meals through the National School Lunch Program. That translates to over 600 children, many of whom do not get a nutritious weekend meal. The Backpack program has expanded to include the Phippsburg Elementary School and the Bath Middle School Food Pantry. These children often arrive at school on Monday mornings where teachers are forced to compete against hunger to get their student's attention. Many Bath area citizens are saying, "Enough!"

Every \$225.00 raised through donations will continue to provide weekend and school vacation food for one child for the entire school year!

We welcome anyone who would like to join this effort to help eliminate hunger among our school children. We are in need of assistance with grant writing, leadership by businesses and organizations to plan and sponsor fund-raisers, and the monthly packing of each child's Backpack (email craftynanny@gmail.com).



Fisher-Mitchell School



Dike-Newell School



Phippsburg Elementary School



Bath Middle School

**BATH AREA BACKPACK PROGRAM** provides nutritious food (Good Shepherd Food Bank plans menus and provides the food for the Backpacks)

- Eases child's anxieties
- Reduces absenteeism, particularly on Monday morning
- Improves attention span
- Raises academic performance
- Increases self-esteem



*"I think the white bags (packed by volunteers) of food are good...because it helps us eat healthier food instead of eating junk food, and we get a lot of raisins which are my favorite."*

-2nd Grade Child

**COMMUNITY BACKPACKING VOLUNTEERS**

**For more information:**

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