



OUR MISSION

We were founded in 2014 to provide weekend food for hungry children, working through the Bath school system. Today we feed over 150 students, from kindergarten through high school, with programs in Bath area schools. We also partner with Midcoast Community Alliance (MCA), the Bath Area Family YMCA and the Good Shepherd Food Bank (GSFB) to reach children where they are.

COVID-19 DEEPENS FOOD INSECURITY

The current pandemic and economic crisis, with increases in unemployment, have caused a terrible upsurge in the numbers of hungry children in Maine. Demand for food from food banks, pantries and other sources has risen sharply. We see this situation persisting for some time.

When schools closed last spring, many children lost access to breakfast and lunch programs – possibly the only meals they had. We quickly pivoted to provide new ways of reaching children and their families.

In addition to regular purchases and produce deliveries from GSFB, we also purchased food from local grocers. GSFB provided boxes of food for families, which we distributed through MCA. We began a partnership with the Bath YMCA, providing food boxes through its mobile Veggie Van.

“If I have food I will help anyone who doesn’t have food.”

—2nd Grade Child

MEETING STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE

We have moved from packing bags of food with preselected menus, to providing food that children can choose and prepare easily. We support food pantries in schools serving grade three and above, including Morse High, where students can choose from an array of healthy, easy to prepare food items and snacks.

Many students we serve come from difficult family situations, with absent or challenged parents, or who are homeless, and need food they can open and eat when they’re hungry.



Our generous volunteers deliver a load of produce that will feed hungry children.

We have expanded our partnership with the Midcoast Community Alliance. The MCA offers after-school services for area young people and advocates for those in need. Housed at the Bath Skatepark, MCA provides activities for young people and direct support to homeless teens.

MCA also provides on-site snacks, food to take home, and evening meals. We have continued to provide food and snacks through MCA during the current pandemic crisis.

Through the YMCA Veggie Van we have helped feed 53 children and 23 caregivers over the summer. We will continue partnering with the Y throughout the school year as well.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

We are seeing increases in demand for food this year. Although we purchase food at discount from GSFB – and benefit from their free produce distribution program – we are ramping up our purchases from local grocery and discount stores. Our costs are rising.

At this time, your donations are needed more than ever! We have expanded thanks to the generous commitment of individuals, local businesses and grant-giving organizations, and we are grateful for their support. Your past generosity has helped make it possible for us to reach more than 150 students. Please consider continuing and increasing your donation.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” —Dr. Seuss



YOUR GENEROSITY WILL HELP US FEED HUNGRY SCHOOL CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE BATH AREA AT

- Dike-Newell Elementary School
- Fisher-Mitchell Elementary School
- Phippsburg Elementary School
- Woolwich Central School
- Bath Middle School
- Morse High School
- Midcoast Community Alliance
- Bath Area YMCA



Nutritious food awaiting distribution at an area school

HELP US FEED HUNGRY KIDS!

Our generous volunteers make it possible for us to serve so many hungry children! We welcome all who would like to join us in our efforts to help eliminate childhood hunger. Contact lindasullivanmobile@gmail.com to learn more about how you can help.

*"I love coming here, because there's always something to eat."
—A teenager at the Skatepark*

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OUR NEED

YOU make our program possible. Please help us feed hungry children.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ \$250 Individual Sponsorship:

One child for one school year

_____ \$125 Sponsor a child for 1/2 year

_____ \$25 Sponsor a child for one month

_____ \$250 Business Sponsorship:

Includes business name

recognition on publicity material

Please complete the form above and mail with your tax deductible donation to:

Bath Area BackPack Program

P.O. Box 1155, Bath, ME 04530

OR

You may hand-deliver your donation to:

Bath Savings Institution

Memo: Bath Area BackPack Program

107 Front Street, Bath, ME 04530 or

3 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, ME 04011

OR

Make a **PayPal** donation on our website:

<http://bathareabackpack.org>

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You may mail your donation to:

Good Shepherd Food Bank

Memo: Bath Area BackPack Program

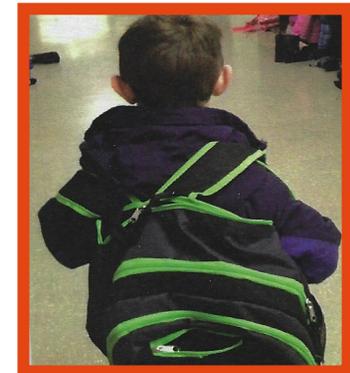
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Bath Area BackPack Program

in Bath, Maine



Do you know that nearly one in five children in Maine does not have enough to eat?* We find this unacceptable in a country as bountiful as ours.



Maine children are hungry and the BABPP is reaching out.

Our mission is to provide nutritious, easy to prepare food for food-insecure children, to ensure 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.

Your help is needed to make our mission a success.

*<http://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2016/child/maine>