



Feeding Our Kids



WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Executive Director's Note

Greetings!

Your support makes our work possible! We are providing weekend food to even more food insecure kids this year in Champaign County and we are able to do this because of your efforts through donating and volunteering. We recently added The READY Program in Champaign and are now serving over 1,050 children each week.

If you are interested in helping us continue to meet these weekly needs check out our volunteering info below or go to our website to learn about all the ways to get involved. We welcome volunteers of all ages! Interested in donating food? Our website has a specific list that our Nutrition Director puts together with hard to get items or allergen free foods that help us the most. [Click here](#) to find that list.

March is National Social Worker's Month and we are grateful to all of our social workers and school liaisons who identify students in need and hand out bags each week. Thank you for helping us fight food insecurity in Champaign County!

Thank you to all of our community partners and sponsors who are instrumental in

continuing our mission through grants, services and donations. We are also appreciative of our Board of Directors and would like to thank Summer Curry and Gina Sterling for their service over the last 3 years. Working together makes all the difference!

Best wishes to all of you,
Alison

Number of Bags Served

The volunteers at Feeding Our Kids are truly remarkable. In the past four months, they have packed an impressive 15,132 bags to help children in the Champaign County area. Notably, in January, they packed over 5,000 bags - the most bags ever packed in a single month. We are immensely proud of their hard work and unwavering commitment to serving the community. These numbers serve as just a glimpse of the incredible impact they are making, and we are grateful for their dedication.



Adopt-a-School Sponsors

We want to highlight all of our Adopt-a-School Sponsors. Sponsors pledge to support at least five students at a specific school at a cost of \$150/student. Their generous contributions allow Feeding Our Kids to continue to support children in Champaign County. If you are interested in learning more about this program please

2022-2023 ADOPT-A-SCHOOL SPONSORS

Partner

Hausman Farms: North Ward Elementary, Tuscola

Advocate

Carrie Busey PTA: Carrie Busey Elementary, Champaign

Ravi Hasanadka and Jennifer Straub: Wiley Elementary, Urbana

Samantha Steelman: Robeson Elementary, Champaign

Scott and Stacy Bennett: Garden Hills Academy, Champaign

Vineyard Church: Dr. King Elementary, Urbana

Supporter

Codagami: Bottenfield Elementary, Champaign

Roof Panther: Dr. Preston Williams Elementary, Urbana

The Nelson Family: Champaign Early Childhood

Yardley Family Foundation: Urbana Early Childhood

Friend

Aziz Ahmed and Family: Thomas Paine Elementary, Urbana

The Bogner and Babiarz Families: Barkstall Elementary, Champaign

The Hanlon Family: Robeson Elementary, Champaign

The Hanger/Hannauer Family: Westview Elementary, Champaign

Linda Sergent: Booker T. Washington STEM Academy, Champaign

Paula and Mike Tankersley: St. Joseph Schools

Travis & Jamie Vermillion: Thomasboro Grade School

St. Matthew Kindergarten: CU Early, Urbana

Rector Construction: Stratton Academy of the Arts, Champaign

visit our website at

<https://feedingourkids.org/adopt/>

Volunteer Sign-Ups

Interested in volunteering? Join us at the Champaign Church of Christ or Hope Center to help make a difference in the lives of those in need. From food sorting to receiving and stocking, there are plenty of ways to get involved and give back to your community. Please note that if you're part of a group interested in volunteering, you should visit our Group Volunteering page on the website instead of signing up here. Check out our available food sorting and receiving/stocking opportunities on our volunteer areas page, and sign up today!



[SIGN UP HERE](#)



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Sponsor Spotlight

Feeding Our Kids is thrilled to share that the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana and the Robert M. Grossman Trust will continue to support Feeding Our Kids through a \$7,500 grant award! This generous donation helps to ensure local children are able to have access to weekend food. Robert M. Grossman was an avid supporter of backpack programs and his legacy continues to make sure that kids do not go hungry on the weekend. We are appreciative of this partnership that supports local children!

Volunteer Spotlight

Unity Youth Boys Basketball

We are so grateful to the Unity Youth Boys Basketball teams for coming out each Tuesday in January to load bins in cars that delivery drivers took to the schools! Five teams made a big difference and Feeding Our Kids truly appreciates the time and effort that these kids put into supporting our mission.



FEEDING OUR KIDS INTERNS

Feeding Our Kids is happy to announce that we will have new interns joining us as well as some of our previous interns continuing on. Each student is part of the University of Illinois ATLAS internship program.



Carl is a senior majoring in sociology with a minor in business. He is our new operations intern here at Feeding Our Kids.



Ridah is a sophomore, majoring in psychology. She is our new data systems intern.



Returning as a data systems intern is Natalia, a junior working towards a degree in math and business.



Our returning communications specialist is Alexandria, a junior majoring in political science, sociology, and world literature.

Thank You to Our Community Partners



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