

Food2Kids: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does Food2Kids do?

The Junior League of Lubbock, in association with the South Plains Food Bank (SPFB) and the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD), has created a new program called Food2Kids, which is modeled after America's Second Harvest Backpack Program™. Sacks of food will be sent home on Fridays with school children indentified by their teachers as being potentially at high risk for suffering from hunger during the weekend.

Students are chosen for the program based on need and at the discretion of the school. We are fortunate to have funds to support many children, but the funding is not infinite. Currently we feed 950 children a week.

2. What is in a typical Food2Kids sack?

The sacks contain food items such as peanut butter, crackers, juice, fruit snacks, pudding, cereal, Vienna sausages, nut snacks, and Pop Tarts.

3. How can you support this program?

You can organize a food drive. We accept Pop Tarts, saltine crackers, shelf stable pudding (like Hunts), and fruit cups. Please note the "best by" date to ensure the freshness of the product. There are other items in the weekly sacks, but the items listed here are packaged in a standard way and can always be used whatever brand is bought.

You can make a donation. The Junior League of Lubbock has pledged funding for this project for the next seven years, but we want to continue to expand our program to serve every needy child in Lubbock. Each sack costs \$3 to assemble. It costs \$130 per year to feed one child every weekend. You can go online to jllubbock.com and make an online donation or send a check to the Food2Kids Program C/O the Junior League of Lubbock, 4205 84th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

4. When are snacks distributed?

The schools distribute the sacks to the children at the end of school on Friday.

5. What happens on the holidays?

Sacks are prepared early and sometimes stuffed with "twice" the amount of items to last for two weekends.

6. Who do I contact if I have a question or a concern?

Contact the school principal, the school liaison, or call the Food2Kids chairman at 794-8874, ext. 250.