

Backpack Kids

Returning to school and food support!

Polly Terman, Founder



For most of us,

September represents a fresh start in school, clothes, supplies, sports and making new friends.

For the underprivileged children in Shoreline, it also means a welcome return to structure and a reliable source for food. During the school week these kids get at least one meal per day at school.

Our Friday Backpack Ministry provides food for hungry kids on the weekends during the school year. In September the staff at **Parkwood Elementary, Einstein Middle and Shorewood High** evaluate and prioritize kids at risk for hunger. These identified kids start receiving food packs on the first Friday in October.

The mission of Backpack Kids is to show God's love and a glimpse of hope to hungry kids. We also want them to know that our church is a place of Faith, Love, and Hope.

Backpacks for books too!

I asked Einstein staff if there was something in addition to food that we could do to make kids feel supported and cared for. The answer was **"backpacks"**! Often the cheap ones they start the school year with are too small and break or rip. This is frustrating and embarrassing for the kids. The staff wondered if we could supply a small stash of replacement bags. Besides numerous books, they each carry a 4 inch binder, so these need to be big strong backpacks (no wheelies). These big-kid packs are usually on sale in the fall. **If you would like to supply a new backpack, please leave it with a note in the church office.** It would be so appreciated by kids and staff.

Backpack Kids ministry has many ways you can help. Big and small, they are ALL important in carrying out the work God has asked us to do! Most are listed on this page. Please think and pray about what God might be asking you to do!

Thank you,
Polly Terman

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All previously registered customers had to re-register in June/July 2016. If you have not done so, please make sure you are currently registered!

There are *many* ways YOU can be a part of this ministry!

Each of the tasks below involves one hour or less of time per month, but will help so much, as many hands make light work!

- ◆ **Be a shopper** for one of the food items needed every month (You will be reimbursed)
- ◆ **Be an on-call shopper** for rebate items at Costco that have a limit per customer (Reimbursed)
- ◆ **On Packing Days** (Mondays, about monthly)
9am Help move food from storage shed to Calvin Activity Center (muscles and strong back)
10am and/or 4pm Arrange food on tables in assembly-line formation (counting skills)
2pm and/or 7:30pm Pack foodpacks in organized fashion (follow directions)
- ◆ **One day per week** Deliver boxes of foodpacks to one of three schools (muscles, strong back and large car)
- ◆ **Other important things**
Prepare 200 double plastic bags for packing each month (bags supplied)
Pray that these children will feel God's love via our hearts & hands!
Pray that God would be glorified in all we do.
Pray that the community would see Jesus through us wherever they join in.
Pray that God would provide for all the food needed this year!

If you have a **small group** or know of a **community group** that would like to join us for a packing, please let Polly Terman know.

For further information or to join us in any of the activities listed above, please contact Polly Terman, 425-776-1536 or pollyterman@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for all your support!

Encourage your friends, co-workers and local relatives to register their cards too! Backpack Kids' code number is 90203. Register at: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Look at the bottom of every receipt and you will see our own Backpack Ministry in print!

As with ALL earmarked funds and your contributions to Backpack Kids, every penny goes towards supplies for the foodpacks! The account is very transparent!

