

## **Please Support Feed Washington's 2018 Pantry Packs Holiday Campaign!**

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Did you know about 10% of the more than 29,000 students in the Lake Washington School District may be food insecure and vulnerable to being hungry over the weekends? It is hard to imagine that this is occurring in our area, but hunger is a reality for many of our students. It is well known that students who are hungry suffer from low energy, poor concentration and have difficulty fully engaging in the classroom.

The Pantry Packs program, powered by the Lake Washington Schools Foundation, is a volunteer run food assistance program that seeks to provide weekend food for hungry students. As the district grows, so does the need.

The Pantry Pack program has been supported over the years by local food drives and general fundraisers. While immensely helpful, the need has grown so great that these will not be enough to fully support the program.

Feed Washington is one non-profit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger throughout Washington State, including LWSD. It strives to close the gap and raise what is needed to fully fund the Pantry Packs this school year. The Feed Washington Pantry Packs Holiday Campaign, running December 3-14, seeks to help each school community recognize and meet the need in their own school. Led by community leaders called Hunger Champions, the campaign hopes to raise funds and awareness of local hunger.

Student hunger is everyone's problem; the good news is that it is a solvable problem. The Pantry Packs program's efficient operations means that a donation as low as \$25 will provide a student with weekend food for a month. It is a small amount with a big impact.

The campaign is still seeking Hunger Champions for certain schools. If you want to be the leader who will publicize and promote the fundraiser at your school, please check the Signup Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45abac29a20-feed> to see if your school still needs a Hunger Champion.

The hope and goal of the Pantry Packs Holiday Campaign is that we, as individuals and communities with so much at our disposal, will step up and ensure that none of the children in our schools comes to school hungry after a weekend.

For more information, view the campaign page at [www.feedwashington.org/holidayhungercampaign](http://www.feedwashington.org/holidayhungercampaign) or contact Maya Vidich at [maya@feedwashington.org](mailto:maya@feedwashington.org).

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