

# IMPACT REPORT

## 2023



## The Children's Hunger Project

Brevard County's Backpack Program



Serving  
**1,000 MORE**  
students this year  
than last



Kids are hungry  
on the weekends, too



Providing weekend  
nutrition to **4,000**  
Brevard County  
students each week

Hello!

I'm proud to say we've made a huge impact on Brevard County children who need food on weekends. I'm saddened to report that **the need is still growing year over year.**

Among food insecure children in Brevard County, 72% reside in households with income **at or below the poverty line, while 28% are likely ineligible for federal nutrition programs.** These statistics paint a bleak picture of the challenges faced by our most vulnerable community members.

Please join us in making a mighty difference. You will see in the Impact Report we have made strides, but we are still in dire need. Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Cominsky



**Thank you for helping us make a difference in a child's life!**

## 2022 Financial Overview

### Expenses



**87¢**

Feeding  
Brevard  
Children

### How Your Dollar Stacks Up



**8.5¢**

Administration



**4.5¢**

Fundraising



Each week, approximately 70 Discovery students receive meals through our "Backpack Club." We witness the joy and excitement of our children who eagerly receive the meal packages on Fridays before heading home for the weekend. Our families regularly express their gratitude, sharing how the provision of the weekend meal packages has eased some of the challenges and worries they are facing. It is both humbling and exciting to witness the difference being made in the lives of our families, knowing their future success has been positively influenced by the choices you all have consciously made today to support the mission and work of The Children's Hunger Project.

Principal, Discovery Elementary School

I was in the school hallway and a child ran up to me crying because he was going to be leaving school early and feared he wasn't going to receive his weekend food package. He said, "You don't understand...if I go home now and don't get my food...I'm not going to have food this weekend." That's the impact this program has on the children.

Principal, University Park Elementary School

I can tell that the packets are helping my student stay focused more at school. She doesn't need to worry where food is coming from for the weekends as she was before. This has improved her grades and social skills. She is a happier child and wants to be around other students.

ESE Resource Teacher, Sunrise Elementary School

**We pride ourselves on financial integrity and transparency.**

### Income



## Program Impact



- # of packages distributed
- # of students served
- # of schools/agencies served

# OUR VOLUNTEERS CHANGE LIVES

**2022** - 1,656 volunteers/8,120 hours

**2023\*** - 2,765 volunteers/11,600 hours

\*Projected based on January-July actuals



**Thank you Brevard schools staff members - we couldn't do this without YOU!**

When students receive weekend food packs, Brevard teachers report visible improvement in:

- Interest in daily activity
- Social skills
- Attendance
- Academic performance
- Focus



## How Can You Help?



- \$190 annually/\$16 monthly feeds 1 child on weekends for the entire school year
- \$1,000 annually/\$84 monthly feeds 5+ children on weekends for the entire school year
- Organize a food drive or fundraising event
- Sponsor our annual Fight Child Hunger 5k
- Sponsor our annual Love a Kid Luncheon
- Participate in our Adopt-a-School Program



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**We need your help!**

**More than 70% of Brevard  
County elementary school students  
qualify for free and reduced  
price meals.**



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