

Helping schools, FEEDING STUDENTS!

What schools are saying...

- "I've been working with Hand2Hand for several years and the entire experience is first class as it is grounded in selflessness, communication, and allowing families to maintain their dignity. We are very grateful to have this awesome resource for our families."

- Muskegon Public
Schools

- "On more than one occasion we've had a parent returning to the school because the student left their Hand2Hand bag in the locker. That immediately underlines the value that this program has." - Kentwood Public Schools





How Hand2Hand Partners With a School

"When I see the food in my locker, it's like magic, I feel happy and grateful!"

Hand2Hand creates a partnership between a local church and a school. The Lead Coordinator from the church is the main contact person for the school principal or other school liaison. All communication to families from Hand2Hand flows from the school.

Getting Started...

- **A permission slip** is sent home with the student through the school. It explains to parents that there is no cost, and weekend food bags are placed discreetly into participating students' lockers or other areas as designated within the school.
- **A letter of introduction from the church is sent home in the first backpack of the year.** It lets the families know who is providing the food and the information for other food resources that may benefit the family may be sent home in the backpack.
- **Background checks** are given on all volunteers going into a school.
- **All volunteers will adhere to confidentiality** of the names and information of the students.
- **The distribution of backpacks** will be done at school when students are not present to avoid embarrassment or being singled out.

All churches follow the same food guidelines:

- All food items given out in food bags must be shelf-stable and non-expired items.
- All food items must be packaged by a food manufacturer unless packed in a health department-approved kitchen. (Exceptions may include items such as apples, oranges, baby carrots, clementines, and potatoes.)
- Food storage at the church is in accordance with food safety rules.
- The weekly backpack should include a minimum of ten shelf-stable nutritious items with a recommended variety of breakfast, lunch/dinner, snacks, and a fresh produce item 1x per month (no glass items to be included in food bags).

WHAT IS IN A WEEKEND BACKPACK...



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