

Micah's Backpack
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Micah's Backpack Making a Positive Impact in Hungry Students Lives
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A mother of a Micah's Backpack participant says her son bounds off the school bus on Fridays. A big smile greets her as the first grader gives her a hug. His happiness comes from his heavier school bag. Books and schoolwork share space with weekend meals and snacks. Micah's Backpack shared with him, and 279 other students just like him, six meals, snacks, juice and milk boxes.

After dinner that night he asks, "Mom, did you use any of *my* school stuff?" His mom confides, "I am sure he was enjoying as much from contributing food to our family than just eating it."

During the academic year Micah's Backpack staff and volunteers prepare and deliver to nine schools up to 280 gifts of weekend meals for food insecure students.



When schools dismiss for the summer, the program drives Micah's Mobile Backpack to low-income neighborhoods to deliver weekend meals, fresh fruits and vegetables. Additionally, elementary school staff partner to share books for summer reading too.

Feeding children on weekends during the academic year and the summer shows them that their community cares about them.

If you'd like more info about Micah's Backpack and the work that we do to feed kids feel free to contact jennie@micahsbackpack.org and check us out at www.micahsbackpack.org