

Backpack Nutrition Program Food Drive

What is the Backpack Nutrition Program?

On Friday of each school week, 230 children in some of Hartford's poorest neighborhoods receive backpacks full of child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food to take home for the weekend. Why? During the week, children are able to receive free breakfast and lunch at school—but school isn't open on weekends, and often there is not enough food at home to eat. Studies show the effects of hunger on success in school, but we don't need studies to tell us that **NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY** in our community.

We thank you—we are grateful for your support.

Food items needed:

- Juice boxes
- Fruit cups
- Individual snacks (pretzels, goldfish, raisins)
- Granola bars
- Individual cereal boxes
- Oatmeal packets
- Mac & cheese boxes/individual cups
- Cans of chicken noodle soup

*Please ensure no items contain peanuts or nuts of any kind



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