



**Kids' Food
Basket**

Sack Supper Sentinel

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DID YOU KNOW?

you help serve...



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**MUSKEGON
SCHOOLS**

**9 ARE ON THE WAITING LIST
TOGETHER WE CAN WORK FOR THE DAY
WHEN EVERY CHILD IN OUR COMMUNITY
IS NOURISHED**



**KIDS' FOOD BASKET
SERVES SCHOOLS
WHERE MORE THAN 70%
OF THE STUDENT
POPULATION QUALIFY FOR
/ REDUCED MEALS**



**SACK SUPPERS
PROVIDE A WELL
BALANCED NUTRITIOUS
EVENING MEAL, ENSURING
LOCAL KIDS GET THE
NOURISHMENT THEY
NEED TO SUCCEED IN
SCHOOL AND LIFE.**

**Join the attack and YOU
can change the world!**

Volunteers

The Sack Supper Engine



30 community volunteers from all walks of life, including YOU, join us for a 1 hour session eachday, 5 days a week, to prepare, pack and deliver Sack Suppers to a child in need.

Did you know you can host an offsite volunteer project with your business, faith community or school?

For offsite opportunities, visit:
www.kidsfoodbasket.org/offsite

Volunteer Sack Supper Drivers

Direct Service to a Direct Need



Drivers deliver Sack Suppers to schools each week day putting a nutritious meal into the hands of a local child in need.

Have a large vehicle and 1 hour a week? You can help put a meal into the hands of a local child!

Contact
lynnk@kidsfoodbasket.org or
call 231.577.6532 to become a
chauffeur to our precious
Sack Suppers!

Food Donations

Brain Food for Young Minds

Did you know we use 2,448 pieces of food each day? This fall, we're also in need of 100% fruit juice boxes, peanut butter and snack size zip-lock bags.



New Food Donation Drop-off Hours:

9 am – 11am & 2 pm – 5 pm

Please call 231.577.6532 in advance to set-up a drop-off time if your donation exceeds 500lbs.

December only: Drop food off
anytime between 9 am and 5 pm!



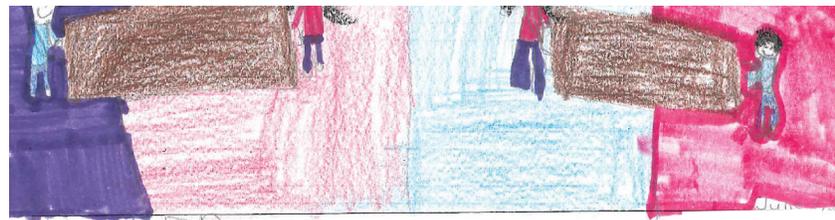
Giving Made Easy

The Kids' Food Basket Muskegon Program is serving 612 children each day at Muskegon Heights Public School Academy and we couldn't do it without YOU! The astonishing growth is a result of a 1300% increase in volunteer capacity and 40% increase in donations in the last year. INCREDIBLE!

We make giving easy in one-time payments or monthly pledges through our new online giving tool. Simply visit www.kidsfoodbasket.org/donate to make your gift online.

Every dollar given to the Muskegon Program stays in Muskegon to ensure that the children we nourish learn and live well.

We invite you to consider the kids we serve during this holiday season. The gift of nutritious Sack Suppers will have a life-long affect on the children at Edgewood and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary Schools!



Dear KFB,
Thank you for giving me such suppers. I really like the sandwich, it is soft and sticky. The juice box, it is tasty and juicy. The food you give me makes me be happy and healthy.

Sincerely,
Jessica

COMMUNITY PARTNER SHOUT OUT!



The Joe Nowak Fund at the Community Foundation of Muskegon County is named in honor of a man whose passion was to ensure kids succeed. Joe was a gregarious guy with a funny sense of humor and love-of-life whose legacy lives on in Kids' Food Basket.

"The endowment fund has been a great way for us to carry on my dad's generosity and passion and to keep his spirit alive. Kids' Food Basket is a fantastic program and our family is proud to support the work the organization does in our community," states Joe's daughter, Jen Waldo.

We are honored to be a beneficiary of Joe's legacy, as Joe's family and friends recently made a significant gift to Kids' Food Basket to ensure children have the nourishment they need to learn and live well.

SAVE THE DATES

Connect with Kids' Food Basket | March 25

Learn more about how you can "join the attack", tour our facility, and engage in a short volunteer project.

Go Orange! Day | March 27

Join us again this year as we promote Orange, the national color for hunger, to raise awareness for **1 in 4 kids** that are affected by hunger in our community.

WISH LIST

Providing proper nutrition to hundreds of kids in our community each weekday requires a lot of food and support from people like you! With a donation of items below, you can help us be a stronger, smarter, more efficient organization. To host a Wish List Drive, see a list of immediate food needs by visiting www.kidsfoodbasket.org/Muskegon.

Network Copy
Machine

Walkie-Talkies

Cargo Van

4 Stainless Steel
Food Prep Tables

Laminating
Machine

"YOU GUYS ARE SO INSPIRING. BY THE WAY, I'M INSPIRED BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW YOU GUYS DO ANYTHING GOOD FOR US LIKE MAKE 500 BAGS. I AM GOING TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING GOOD BECAUSE EVERY DAY COUNTS. SINCERELY YOUR FRIEND, TANJAN



Kudos from Bridget!

INSPIRING CHANGE

A little over twelve years ago, I was a student at Aquinas College, studying abroad in Ireland. I stayed there past the semester because I loved Ireland so much. I thought I might stay forever. Then I got a phone call from my professor at Aquinas. He said he'd found an amazing capstone project for my degree in Community Leadership. A phenomenal local woman, Mary K. Hoodhood, had started a program that was providing evening meals for kids in Grand Rapids. She needed an unpaid intern to run the show each day; I was fiercely committed to working on social change, especially in the areas of basic needs and children. Perfect match.

In the beginning, we only had 10-20 volunteers. Those same core volunteers are a part of the foundation of our growth. They were unstoppable. Many of them, and their families, continue to volunteer at Kids' Food Basket today. **We grew our volunteer base by creating a model that made it easy for anyone and everyone to volunteer, to change the world, and that's reflected in the 15,000 faces we see at Kids' Food Basket each year.** We pride ourselves on making changing the world accessible, and fun, for everyone. **There is nothing simple, easy, or fun about childhood hunger. But changing the world? It CAN be fun!** It inspires us so much to see groups of differently-abled volunteers (like our friends from MOKA and Hope Network) serving at Kids' Food Basket, packing Sack Suppers and making sandwiches, ensuring that local kids are getting the nutrition they need.

An inspirational 25% of our volunteers are under the age of 18, and many of those kids who attend a service school

and/or receive a Sack Supper themselves. **Our Kids Helping Kids program has taught us that while 1 in 4 Michigan kids experience hunger, 4 in 4 kids have the power to change that.** Last year, students involved in our Kids Helping Kids program, Youth Action Board, and Junior Ambassadors program raised a stunning \$95,000 in cash, \$139,000 in donations of food and materials, and volunteered the cash equivalent of \$421,000. We empower young people to help each other. We provide opportunities for all kids - those who struggle with hunger and those who do not - to volunteer and learn through our programs so that all understand the challenges of hunger and have the change to lead projects that benefit both them, and their peers.

From day one, Kids' Food Basket has inspired me and continues to every single day. It's so much more than a nonprofit that provides evening meals to kids living at or near the poverty level. **Kids' Food Basket is a community, fired up and passionate about breaking the cycle of poverty and bringing social change in the form of a Sack Supper.**

Stay inspired, Kids' Food Basket friends. The work we're doing together is changing the world.

Peace,

Bridget

Executive Director, Kids' Food Basket



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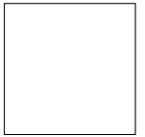
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Form Enclosed**

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Kids' Food Basket believes that while 1 in 4 Michigan kids is affected by hunger, 4 in 4 have the power to change that. Tony & Julia tells the story of the magic that can happen when kids help other kids, and is a great tool for discussing childhood hunger, bullying, and the importance of inclusion and advocacy with elementary-aged kids.

To learn more or purchase this limited edition bilingual book online for just \$10, visit www.kidsfoodbasket.org/TonyandJulia.

100% of proceeds from your purchase supports Kids' Food Basket's mission of attacking childhood hunger to help young people learn and live well.

