



FY21 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



**BLESSINGS IN A
BACKPACK**

Who will feed the kids this weekend?



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NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

Our volunteer board of directors is responsible for overseeing Blessings in a Backpack's mission and strategic direction and safeguarding our financial health and sustainability. Directors are chosen for their community leadership and expertise.

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**listing as of June 30, 2021*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND CEO

We are excited to share Blessings in a Backpack's FY21 Annual Report with you.

You'll read stories of generous donors and community and corporate partners, learn of our year-end fiscal results, and discover how, despite another unprecedented year, you helped provide 2.2 million hunger-free weekends to kids nationwide.

So many children today, across this country, are not getting enough food to eat; the nourishment they need to learn in school and grow into healthy, active adults. The role that you play by partnering with Blessings in a Backpack is critically important to helping these children. **Our gratitude to you.**

We could not do what we do without you.

And, we look forward to what the future holds for Blessings in a Backpack. Millions more school-aged children need our help – and with your support, we're ready.

Let's continue to feed the kids this weekend!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph DePippo".

Joe DePippo
Chair, National Board of Directors



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Kerr".

Erin Kerr
Chief Executive Officer



OUR MISSION

Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for school-aged children across America who might otherwise go hungry.

OUR VISION

Every school-aged child in America has the nourishment needed to learn and grow. As a leader in the movement to end childhood hunger, Blessings in a Backpack strives to ensure children do not go hungry on the weekends by empowering individuals and communities to take action.

OUR FUTURE

Blessings in a Backpack's goal is to provide **4 million hunger-free weekends** annually for children facing food insecurity by the end of the 2023/24 school year.



CHAMPIONS 'FORE' CHILDREN

In February 2021, the Kate & Justin Rose Foundation donated \$1 million to the Blessings in a Backpack Orlando Chapter. The gift immediately fed 1,000 more children and helped enhance the food bags kids received on Fridays.

"If you don't have food in those tummies, nothing is going to make an impact," said Kate Rose, co-founder of the Foundation and wife of PGA Tour's Justin Rose. "So, we have just been trying to close a little bit of a gap in that area."

This generous donation is in addition to their original gift of \$1.15 million to found the Kate & Justin Rose Foundation Chapter of Blessings in a Backpack, Orlando, in May 2020.

Justin and Kate have supported Blessings in a Backpack for over a decade, helping provide more than 500,000 hunger-free weekends to more than 15,000 children in Central Florida.

"This program is very close to our hearts because Kate and I know Blessings in a Backpack fills a crucial void for children who might otherwise go hungry. I can't expect to play good golf if I'm not properly nourished. How can we expect kids to go a full weekend without enough to eat and then be able to focus on learning the next school week?"

—Justin Rose
PGA Tour golfer





FEEDING OUR FUTURE

Blessings in a Backpack is supported by Cigna Foundation's Healthier Kids For Our Future grant program, a five-year, \$25 million global initiative focused on improving the health and well-being of children. This support included:

- School Investor commitment that fed over 2,200 kids during the 2020-2021 school year
- Funding to support Blessings in a Backpack's national food solution administration
- Virtual national backpack convening conference in June 2021

In addition, Cigna's Midwest office donated boxes of food to kids in Chicago, and Cigna Dental provided oral health kits to over 800 kids in Atlanta, Boston, and Memphis, Tennessee.

"We know that food insecurity prevents our kids from reaching their full potential. That's why Cigna is so proud to partner with Blessings in a Backpack to help reduce childhood hunger in the communities where we live and work. Locally in Sanford, Florida, we're helping kids at Hamilton Elementary grow to be healthier adults."

—Dean Mirabella
North Florida Market president





WARRIOR FOR KIDS

During the 2020-2021 school year, the Spartan Kids Foundation stepped in and stepped up to help children living with food insecurity all across the United States. **Spartan Kids Foundation gave \$100,000 in matching funds to Blessings in a Backpack that lead to over \$230,000 in donations** to provide children with bags of ready-to-eat food while schools were closed.

Support included:

- Giving Tuesday 2020 match
- World Hunger Day 2021 match
- Nationwide t-shirt design contest sponsor
- Nationwide "Warrior for Kids" volunteer recognition search_sponsor
- "Feed the Kids" fundraising campaign

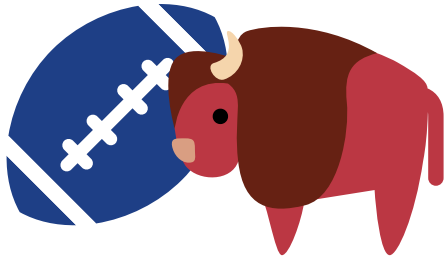
The partnership reached far beyond the obstacle course and showed that everyone has the potential to be a warrior for a hungry child.

"Spartans are great at overcoming obstacles. It's what we do. It's why we're unbreakable.

I'm asking you to join me and our great partner Blessings in a Backpack to help millions of less fortunate families overcome a major obstacle in their lives—not being able to feed their kids."

—Joe De Sena
Spartan founder and CEO





GAME-CHANGING SUPPORT

Late in the third quarter of the Baltimore-Buffalo AFC playoff game in January 2021, Baltimore Ravens QB Lamar Jackson was knocked to the ground and forced to leave the game. Although advantageous for Buffalo, Jackson's exit didn't sit well with a pair of Bills fans. Out of respect for their opponent and feeling bad about his injury, William Burke and Dan Konopski—two Bills fans who didn't know each other—took to social media to encourage the team's fan base to donate \$8 (Jackson's uniform number) to Blessings in a Backpack, a charity Jackson is associated with.

A few days later, **18,450 individual donations in Jackson's honor had been made and more than \$550,000 raised.**

The money raised has benefited children living in Louisville, Kentucky (where Jackson played college ball), Baltimore, Western New York, and beyond. Dan and William finally met in person when they distributed food for Blessings in a Backpack together in April.

“This is bigger than sports. The only reason it succeeded is because a lot of somebodies who saw what we posted threw in \$10. By itself, \$10 doesn't accomplish much. But when tens of thousands of people do it so that it becomes a massive movement, each of us ends up having a profound impact on many people's lives.”

—Dan Konopski
Buffalo Bills fan



HIGHLIGHTS: SUMMER 2020

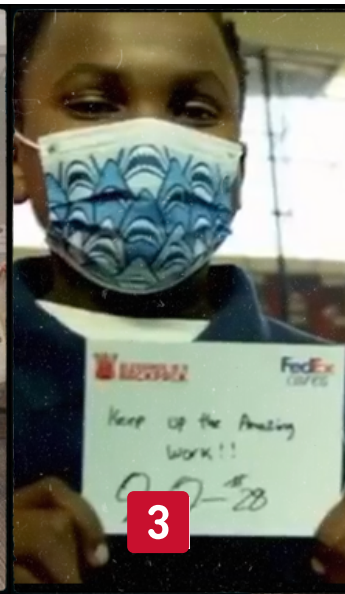
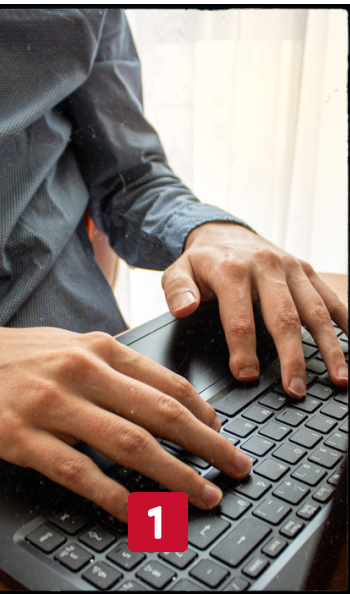
- 1** Vera Bradley kicked off the back-to-school season with a fashionable cause-marketing campaign. Individuals received an exclusive, free mini-backpack bag charm for any donation of \$10 or more made to Blessings in a Backpack via the Vera Bradley website.
- 2** Whether kids were back in the classroom or learning virtually, we masked up to ensure they had food to eat on the weekends. With your help, Blessings in a Backpack distributed 2.2 million bags of ready-to-eat food during the 2020-2021 school year!
- 3** The Anthem Foundation expanded support as a school investor this school year. Bags of healthy, satisfying food were distributed to 800 children at a Dallas Boys & Girls Club in Texas and elementary schools in Indianapolis, Indiana, Las Vegas, and Nashville, Tennessee.

"Students are excited to see us entering their classrooms on Friday afternoons with the boxes of food from the Blessings program," shared the program coordinator of our Nashville school.
- 4** We asked kids nationwide to enter our first-ever t-shirt design contest. The winning artist was Nate McDermott, 9, from Thousand Oaks, California. His colorful backpack design was printed on t-shirts and sold on the Blessings website. In addition, the Spartan Kids Foundation sponsored the contest, donating a total \$25,000!
- 5** Blessings in a Backpack named two new chapters to the national organization: Chicago and Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Combined, the chapters fed more than 6,700 children during the 2020-2021 school year.
- 6** Minute Rice donated 4,800 ready-to-serve rice cups to Blessings in a Backpack programs in Chicago, Jacksonville, Florida, Santa Maria, California, Frederick, Maryland, New Albany, Indiana, pictured, and many more. Volunteers added the single-serving rice cups to the weekend food bags that kids received on Fridays.



HIGHLIGHTS: FALL 2020

- 1** Like all things 2020, **National Blessings in a Backpack Week** moved from school buildings to computer screens. In-person events transformed into online fundraisers and awareness campaigns to support our programs across the country.
- 2** Through its 10th annual Eat Well Do Good Campaign, **Nature's Path** employees packed and donated bags of organic food to the Blessings in a Backpack Waukesha County Chapter. Also through the campaign, every dollar raised went towards putting food in the hands of families and individuals who are food insecure.
- 3** **NFL running back Joshua Jacobs** teamed up with **FedEx** and Blessings in a Backpack to deliver food to elementary school children in the Las Vegas area. The segment aired during the Football Night in America match up between the Las Vegas Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs on NBC.
- 4** We partnered with the **Spartan Kids Foundation** to recognize those who stepped up to help others during the pandemic—we called them "Warrior for Kids." We featured numerous Warrior stories on social media throughout the fiscal year. For example, we met teacher **Kim Shaughnessy** of Louisville, Kentucky, pictured, on Giving Tuesday.
- 5** We also recognized donors as "Warrior for Kids" on Giving Tuesday, December 1. We **surpassed our goal of \$100,000, raising more than \$184,000—the single biggest fundraising day in Blessings in a Backpack's history!** In addition, the Spartan Kids Foundation matched \$50,000 of online donations made that day.
- 6** For the third consecutive year, the Blessings in a Backpack First Coast Chapter partnered with the **TaxSlayer Gator Bowl** to feed kids in Jacksonville! Because of the pandemic, football teams couldn't pack, so Gator Bowl association staff and officers and the Blessings First Coast advisory board pitched in to help. The Gator Bowl donated 1,000 bags of food to three First Coast schools.



HIGHLIGHTS: WINTER 2021

- 1** After 10 years as CEO of Blessings in a Backpack, Brooke Wiseman retired, passing the torch on to her predecessor. After a lengthy nationwide search, **Erin Kerr**, Blessings' chief development officer, was appointed our new CEO. We were truly blessed to have such exceptional talent right in our own backpack.
- 2** Actress **Chrissy Metz** of the show "This Is Us" teamed up with Blessings in a Backpack for **Celebrity Wheel of Fortune**. Chrissy won \$30,000 on the show, which aired on January 14, to help provide 7,500 hunger-free weekends for kids nationwide.
- 3** What started as a tweet and Reddit post by two **Buffalo Bills** fans quickly snowballed into an avalanche of love and support for Blessings in a Backpack and the children we serve. In only a few days, **\$524,000 was donated by NFL fans** to help provide hunger-free weekends for kids nationwide—including Buffalo and Western New York!
- 4** The **Blessings in a Backpack** program in **Frederick, Maryland**, was named a **national chapter** after successfully operating locally for seven years. The chapter fed 3,100 children during the 2020-2021 school year. "Sometimes [children] just need a little bit of help just to get them to that next phase of life," shared Angela Abrishami, managing director, Frederick Blessings.
- 5** The **Kate & Justin Rose Foundation** donated \$1 million to the Blessings in a Backpack Orlando Chapter. The gift immediately fed 1,000 more children and helped enhance the food bags that kids received on Fridays.
- 6** Teachers are heroes among us! They see the realities of childhood hunger daily, and because of that, they're some of Blessings in a Backpack's greatest partners. In the **USA Today** article, "**You Are Strong**," **Vice President Kamala Harris** shared the positive impact Blessings in a Backpack and teachers had on children living in Northeast Florida.



HIGHLIGHTS: SPRING 2021

- 1** The COVID-19 pandemic made it difficult for volunteers to gather together. However, once vaccinations were available in the spring, volunteers were happily reunited again to pack bags of weekend food. In April, we recognized the thousands of volunteers for their dedication, hard work, and heart during **National Volunteer Week**.
- 2** **Fabletics** continued its partnership with Blessings in a Backpack, donating 100% of net proceeds of its children's clothing line. This support helped children who rely on school lunches to safely access food on the weekends and during school closures.
- 3** In May, we raised \$80,300 on **World Hunger Day** to feed kids over the summer in five Blessings in Backpack chapter locations: Chicago, Jacksonville, Florida (First Coast), Louisville, Kentucky, Orlando, Florida, and Southwest Florida. The **Spartan Kids Foundation** matched the first \$20,000 donated on World Hunger Day.

- 4** The **Bobby Nichols Fiddlesticks Charity Foundation** donated \$149,500 to the Blessings in a Backpack Southwest Florida Chapter. "I never dreamed that kids could go to school hungry, and they do even in Southwest Florida, which you'd think, 'My lord.' But now, with Blessings in a Backpack and the help that we have with the other charities, I think we're making an impact," said Bobby Nichols, a former PGA Tour pro and the namesake for the event.
- 5** Before teeing off on the 18th hole, pros at the **Mitsubishi Electric Classic** volunteered with Blessings in a Backpack to pack 500 bags full of ready-to-eat food for kids in Duluth, Georgia.
- 6** Blessings in a Backpack received a \$25,000 grant from **Newman's Own Foundation**, the independent foundation created by the late actor and philanthropist Paul Newman, to feed kids at Burns Latino Academy in Hartford, Connecticut.





OUR IMPACT

Blessings in a Backpack is more than food. Since becoming a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in 2008, we've helped kids all over the country overcome challenges, thrive in the present, and look towards a brighter future.

During the 2020-2021 school year, Blessings in a Backpack provided 2.2 million hunger-free weekends nationwide.

Student survey* results show that children who are fed by Blessings in a Backpack experience the following positive impacts:

- 78% feel cared for by their community
- 71% feel they are helping their family
- 70% say their attendance at school is better
- 69% say it is easier to learn
- 67% say their family is happier
- 62% say they are hungry less often
- 60% have fewer behavioral issues at school

Since 2009, we have provided 23.5 million hunger-free weekends nationwide!

**results from 2015/2021 Ipsos surveys*

DONATIONS

Blessings in a Backpack extends a special thank you to the following donors* and all of our donors who supported us from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

**Every effort has been made to present a complete, alphabetical list of Blessings in a Backpack donors who gave support of \$5,000 or greater from July 2020 to June 2021. Should you notice an error or omission, please contact Beth Murnane, chief development officer, at bethmurnane@blessingsinabackpack.org.*

\$100,000 AND ABOVE



Bobby Nichols
Fiddlesticks Charity Foundation



- Anonymous (multiple)
- Buffalo Bills fans
- D'Amico Family Fund



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Vera Bradley



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\$75,000 TO \$99,999

- Anonymous Fund (1)
- Town of Brookhaven Long Island
- The Calipari Foundation
- Clark Family Foundation, Inc.
- Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation, Inc.
- Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation
- Lee County BOCC
- Molex, LLC
- New Life Wesleyan Church
- ProCamps
- Related Affordable Foundation
- Spartan Kids Foundation
- Twilio employees

\$50,000 TO \$74,999

- The Dale Jr. Foundation
- Fabletics
- Fifth Third Bank
- The Glass Charitable Foundation
- The Grayfox Trust
- Meijer, Inc.
- Mountain Christian Church
- PGA TOUR Volunteer Appreciation Program sponsored by Astellas Myrbetriq
- UPS JAX Employees
- Elizabeth Visceglia and Noah Shachtman

\$25,000 TO \$49,999

- Anonymous (1)
- ADP
- Nick Advani
- The Albertsons Companies Foundation
- Allied Products Corporation
- Amgen Global Financial
- Ausherman Family Foundation, Inc.
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- Bank of America Charitable Foundation
- Brown and Caldwell
- Jeremy Bull
- Cape Coral Community Foundation, Inc.
- The Christopher Family Foundation
- CME Group
- The Community Foundation of Frederick County
- Community Foundation of Louisville Depository, Inc.
- The Community Foundation For Northeast Florida
- Covenant United Methodist Church
- Farmers Group, Inc.
- Scott Fischer Charities, Inc.
- The Fore!Kids Foundation
- Frederick County, Maryland
- James Gorman
- The City of Jacksonville
- The Kahlert Foundation, Inc.
- Ina Kay Foundation
- KFC, Inc.
- Kingmade Jerky
- Eric S. Lane
- Gopi Natarajan
- Nature's Path Foods
- Newman's Own Foundation
- Norfolk Iron & Metal Co.
- Dr. Phillips Charities
- Kate and Justin Rose
- Sanibel Captiva Community Bank
- The May Jeanne and Garland Slaughter Foundation
- Derrick Smith
- Stifel Foundation
- Take Action Inc
- United Way of Lee County
- United Way of Northeast Florida
- Walmart Foundation
- Wheel of Fortune & Chrissy Metz
- Zurich North America

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\$15,000 TO \$24,999

- Carl C. Anderson and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation
- Bandujo Advertising & Design
- Bank Five Nine
- BKD Foundation
- The Tommy Bohanon Foundation, Inc.
- Cahill Homes
- Capital City Church
- Chicago Sinai Congregation
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin
- Community Foundation of Wabash County
- Cummins Engine Plant
- Joe and Nancy DePippo
- William H. Donner Foundation, Inc.
- Eagles for Children Inc.
- Father Fred Foundation
- The City of Frederick
- Frederick Rescue Mission, Inc.
- Frederick Steeplechasers Running Club
- General Motors Foundation
- Gresham Grocery Outlet
- Hausmann-Johnson Insurance, Inc.
- Highland Baking Co.
- Huron Valley Optimist Club
- Inspire Brands Foundation
- IPA Foundation
- Latin Women's Initiative
- The League Club, Inc.
- Deborah Lindsay
- Name Bubbles
- New Spirit Lutheran Church, Inc.
- Norfolk Area United Way, Inc.
- Parkview Health
- The Amit J. & Vicky L. Patel Foundation
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- Melitta S. and Joan M. Pick Charitable Trust
- Regency Centers
- Safeway Open
- Charl & Rosalind Schwartzel
- The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation
- Janney Montgomery Scott LLC
- St John's Grocery Outlet
- Sysco Corporation
- Texas Capital Bank
- Thomas Coffee
- United Way of Frederick County, Inc.
- United Way of Huntington County
- Wabash County United Fund, Inc.
- Jocelyn H.K. Watkins
- Fred B. and Opal S. Woosley Foundation
- Charles and Christine Young

\$10,000 TO \$14,999

- American Association of School Administrators
- The Martin Andersen-Gracia Andersen Foundation, Inc.
- Antares Capital
- Astellas Employee Impact Group
- Avenu Insights and Analytics
- The Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Foundation
- Blue Ridge Community Church
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas
- The Bridge Fund, Inc.
- Chad Cahill
- Capital Group
- Central Christian Church
- Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company
- Circle of Generosity Foundation
- The City of Rancho Cordova
- ColorMasters, Inc.
- Compass Consulting Group LLC
- Concordia Lutheran Ministries
- Connexus Credit Union
- Crossroad Lutheran Church
- The Patricia Crown Family
- Darcars Toyota of Frederick
- Franscene and Michael Davis

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\$10,000 TO \$14,999 CONTINUED

- Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.
- ELMS Foundation
- Sylvia Ettenberg Memorial Fund
- Food Bank of the Rockies
- Gatheringpoint
- Gillian Flynn and Brett Nolan
- Hugh A. Fraser Fund
- William G. Gilmore Foundation
- Flora Hamilton Estate
- Harbor Point Church
- The Daniel R. and Anne M. Harper Foundation, Inc.
- Heisley Family Foundation
- Howard Chapel Ridgeville United Methodist Church
- Ubong E. Ituen
- Knox College
- Lake Trust Credit Union
- Leelanau Christian Neighbors, Inc.
- James Mauk
- Douglas Meijer
- Meyer Oil Co.
- Minute Rice
- Monsanto (Bayer) Fund
- More Than a Backpack
- Oconomowoc Area Foundation
- Steven Pack
- Patricia J. Parson and Donald Parsons
- Partners 1st Federal Credit Union
- Percent Pledge
- The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation
- The Rich Foundation
- Rodar LLC
- Craig and Mary Schiefelbein Foundation
- George L. Shields Foundation, Inc.
- The State of Nebraska
- Stopher Elementary PTA
- Surgical Care Affiliates
- Combined Federal Campaign
- Turn Key Events LLC
- United Way of Marshall County, Inc.
- United Way of Morgan County
- United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County
- United Way Worldwide
- Washington Christian Outreach
- Judd Webster
- West Bay Community Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- Whole Foods Market
- YMCA of Frederick County

\$5,000 TO \$9,999

- 3M Open Fund
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- Anonymous (2)
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- Athens Foundation, Inc.
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- Bredin Foundation
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- Tim Bryant
- Bullitt County Board of Education
- William and Susan Butler Charitable Fund
- John Callahan

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\$5,000 TO \$9,999 CONTINUED

- Calvary Episcopal Church of Ashland, Inc.
- Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- Century Club Charities, Inc.
- Charlotte Latin Schools, Inc.
- Charter Next Generation
- Chenango United Way
- Christian Community Foundation of Memphis & The Mid-South
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- Devon Energy Corporation
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- Ecolab Foundation
- Lori and Johnnie Ellis
- Elm Grove Junior Guild
- Keola and Stephanie Elobt
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- Evans Scholars Foundation
- Exelon
- Factory Connection LLC
- Federal Home Loan Bank
- Gilbert and Jacqueline R. Fern Foundation
- Karen and Robert Fierbaugh
- First Junior Woman's Club of Houston
- First United Methodist Church
- First United Methodist Church of Guntersville
- Food Lane
- Fort Worth Colonial Charities, Inc.
- Frederick Business Properties Co Fund
- GitHub for Good Fund
- Robert and Teri Glick
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Academy
- Greater Delafield Community Fund, Inc.
- Greater Hartford Community Foundation, Inc.
- Greater Horizons
- Kathryn N. Gunter
- The HEICO Companies LLC
- Amy Heifitz
- Robert Herzog
- Robert and Karen Hirsch
- Hollywood Grocery Outlet
- IPA Reach for Kids
- Jackson National Life Insurance Company
- Johnson Grove Church of Christ
- Johnson & Sons Paving LLC
- Robert and Evelyn Johnson
- Edward Jones
- Robert A. Jones
- Jr. Davis Construction Co., Inc.
- Kirchhofer Family Charitable Fund
- Kovatch Family Charitable Fund
- Kueber Family Foundation
- L&N Federal Credit Union
- LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce
- Lamkin Wealth Management LLC
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- Maximus Foundation
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- Gloria and Richard Milanowski
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- David D. Mirabito
- Susan and Jay Monahan
- MRK Fine Arts, LLC

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- Naples Gulfshore Sunset Rotary Club Foundation, Inc.
- Nationwide Services LLC
- New Friends Club of Frederick
- Nora Roberts Foundation
- Northern Trust PGA Tournament
- Beverly J. Orndorf
- Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Teresa and Douglas Pasquale
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- Ann Peters Foundation
- PGA TOUR Charities, Inc.
- Piedmont Triad Charitable Foundation
- Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church
- Premiere Plus Realty
- Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
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- Regions Bank Jacksonville
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- RLR Investments LLC
- David Robinson
- Kim and David Robinson
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- Scholarship Prep Public Schools
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- Luke Schweiss DMD, Inc.
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- The Helen J. Serini Foundation, Inc.
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- Swartz Family Foundation
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- Target Circle
- TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Mark Taylor
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- Tides Foundation
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- Tyner United Methodist Church
- United Baptist Church of Scriba
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- Stephen E. and Elizabeth Vial Upton Charitable Lead Trust
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- David R. and Cheryl L. Venarge Fund
- Amanda and Josh Weber
- Wegmans Food Markets Inc.
- William Blair
- Yum! Brands Foundation, Inc.
- Zoeller Company Employee Giving
- Zurich Financial Services



This school year, Bob's Red Mill helped provide weekend food for children in Portland, Oregon.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Blessings in a Backpack had to adapt how it distributed food to children. As a result, the organization's food expense decreased 21% between Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2021. This lower food expense resulted in a lower program percentage compared to prior years.

A full copy of our GAAP audited financial statement is available by request. Form 990s are available at blessingsinabackpack.org.

Since 2017, Charity Navigator has awarded Blessings in a Backpack with a four-star rating, the highest score possible, because of the organization's financial health, accountability, and transparency.

In addition, GuideStar recognizes Blessings in a Backpack as a Platinum-level rated nonprofit, the highest designation awarded.



REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Athletic Partnerships	\$755,123
Corporations	\$3,056,548
Foundations	\$2,914,324
Government	\$300,952
Individuals	\$3,542,957
School/Faith Based	\$738,869
Disaster Relief	\$59,135
Other	\$491,983
Fundraising Events	\$397,057
In-Kind Contributions	\$550,488
Interest & Other Income	\$118,454

Total Revenue and Support \$12,925,890

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$7,540,150
General and Admin	\$1,319,727
Fundraising	\$1,193,205

Total Expenses \$10,053,082

Increase in Net Assets*	\$2,872,808
Ending Net Assets	\$14,834,943



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?

"I always say 'Blessings' is a great name for the program because that's what I receive, blessings. My heart gets full every time I see those smiles."

—Maribel Bermudez, family resource coordinator, Burns Latino Academy
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