We serve all kinds of communities, from our state's largest metropolitan area to quiet farm towns. People struggling with hunger live in every type of community, and it's our job at the Food Bank of Iowa to make sure they have the food they need to thrive. Kids need nutrition to learn and grow properly. Our BackPack Program™ provides a sack of kid-friendly, nutritionally balanced food to children every Friday during the school year. The food ties them over on Saturdays and Sundays, allowing them to return to school on Monday ready to learn.

How does it work?
- We provide boxes of BackPack sacks to partner schools every week. Teachers and other school staff distribute the bags to kids in need every Friday.
- The BackPack Program™ is accessible 9 months out of the year.

Benefits
- BackPack sack recipients are better equipped to learn and behavioral incidents are greatly reduced.
- Proper childhood nutrition helps kids succeed in school and contribute more later in life.
- The BackPack Program™ can have a positive impact throughout a child's life.
- All BackPack sacks are provided entirely free to partner schools.

SPONSOR LEVELS
One BackPack: $5
One Classroom of 20 Students: $100
One Classroom of 25 Students: $125
One Classroom of 30 Students: $150

THE FACTS
1 in 9 Iowans are food insecure
1 in 6 Lowan children does not have enough to eat
360,540 Iowans struggle with food insecurity
$1 can provide 4 meals through Food Bank of Iowa

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