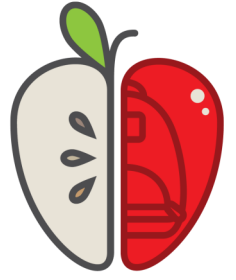


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A community solution to *helping kids be kids*

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IT'S OUR 11TH SCHOOL YEAR!

A special **THANK YOU** to everyone that makes the Backpack Program possible year after year. Thousands of children in our community depend on your generosity every weekend. Whether you volunteer your time, donate money, or spread awareness about local childhood hunger...

We Miss

We have been working diligently to bridge the weekend food insecurity gap for our kids. We're continuing to make strides in combatting local, childhood hunger and want to update you on our work and invite you back to join our mission. It's been an eventful year! Here are some highlights:

2017/2018 School Year Accomplishments



Added fresh apples and oranges to the menu!

Piloted Backpack Program in two daycare centers!

Served 49 Mesa County schools and Partners!

Distributed over 68,000 bags of food!

Your prior contributions helped us to lay the foundation of our current successes. Your continued support makes it possible for kids in our community to focus on being kids and not on empty bellies. Please join us again as we prepare to launch our 11th school year feeding kids!

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Staff Highlight



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Join us in welcoming Rachel Armour as our new Program Assistant! Rachel has been an integral part of our Kids Aid family for seven years now. She was a long time volunteer until we were fortunate enough to hire her for our new position. She's a phenomenal woman to the core...and tolerates Lindsay's puns!

This is our 6th school year with Kids Aid! We've seen Kids Aid through a lot of growth and change in that time, and the warehouse crew has seen my own family grow and change just as much. They've known my oldest son since he was just one and my youngest since he was born!

We try to stay mindful of the privilege that it is to serve people in our community, meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters. We don't "have" to do this work, we get to. It's love in action.

People that know me know I'm not a subtle person. I'm a doer. I'm curious to no end. I'm honest, often to a fault. But, I know very little is needed to make a happy life. I have a family to love, and a handful of good friends. I enjoy copious amounts of coffee, and I never say no to champagne!



Rachel Armour

Success Story:

Why we do what we do:

We have had so many parents that are grateful for the help. Children are so excited to get their bags each week. One grandma broke down and said this is really life saving. She had not been able to work because of illness and had no money for food for the 4 year old grandson that week because her check was so short and she had to pay rent. So, he was mainly eating at school and nothing until the next day."

-Coreen Edwards

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We Opened an Endowment

The Mike and Debbie Berry Fund for Kids Aid

Achieving self-sufficiency is a long-term goal for Kids Aid. This spring we took steps to start making that goal a reality. We are excited to announce that we have established an endowment fund through the **Western Colorado Community Foundation**. The endowment is an invested fund that builds interest to grow long-term. A contribution to our endowment fund helps ensure that the hungry children in our community are fed long into the future. Kids Aid is dedicated to our community and with your support plans to fulfill our mission of combating local, childhood hunger long into the future.

The gift that keeps on giving!

SUMMER '18

- Over **11,700** bags distributed!
- **4,500** bags distributed last summer
- Over **600** volunteer hours!
- **30** locations for **9** weeks

**Thank you, volunteers and funders
for another successful summer!**

THANK YOU!

Legacy Wealth Management helped us purchase new packing tables for the warehouse! The beautiful new tables will replace the stacks of old pallets we were using to store bags.

**Stop by and
check them**

Introducing . . .

We're Grow-

The Snackpack Program has dual purposes:

1. Provide snacks to students at school during the school week.
2. Alleviate the financial burden on teachers that purchase snacks for students.

Kids Aid purchases snacks through Food Bank of the Rockies at a highly discounted rate compared to grocery store prices. We want to pass those savings onto teachers that are using their own money or school funds to purchase food for students. We are piloting the program in five elementary schools with hopes of opening it up to all schools pending funding and volunteers.

We're looking for volunteers and sponsors to launch this new program.

Contact us if you'd like to get involved.

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