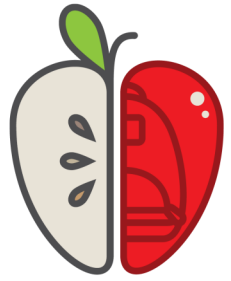


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# Kids Aid

## The Backpack Program



Spring 2020

A community solution to *helping kids be kids*

# Hope **NOT** Hunger

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## Special Thanks

## The Backpack Program is Going Green!

Our primary focus is providing emergency relief to food-insecure children in Mesa County. We believe that every kid deserves to be a kid and should not have to carry the burdens of adult problems. AND, as we are providing more than 80,000 bags of food a year, we also recognize the amount of single-use plastic waste that leaves our warehouse. Now that the industry is catching up to demand, a supplier has come through with a price on biodegradable bags that is **less than** the cost of our plastic bags! Win-win! Insert Cost Here. We tested the new biodegradable bags with five schools and received positive reviews. Now, we're working on testing out these bags at each location. Our plan is to use the rest of the plastic bags we've already purchased and switch to the biodegradable bags fully starting the 2020/2021 school year! As industry continues to expand, will keep growing and doing better. Good stewards of community dollars AND our environment so our children have a place to thrive



Raising  
\$100,000  
For kids!



**Meet the McCaws:** Doug and Melinda McCaw

In July, the McCaws are running 490 miles of the Colorado Trail in 18 days! to raise money for kids! They are raising money for our Backpack Program is a recipient as well as Intermountain Adventist Academy; their daughter's school. We are asking interested parties to contribute as generously as they can to support these organizations and their outreach efforts to help children in the Grand Valley.

Both have traveled the Colorado Trail three times.



## The Colorado Trail

The Colorado Trail is a 490-mile trail in the state of Colorado that starts in Waterton Canyon outside of Denver, CO and ends in Durango, CO. The trail crosses the Continental Divide multiple times. At its highest point the elevation is 13,271 ft. Over the course of the trail the elevation gain is about 87,000 feet.

“To help people takes strength; to inspire people takes wisdom; to rule over them takes virtue, but to elevate them takes love.”



## Refund Colorado

**ReFUND CO creates a new season of giving to support our work.** This new program allows you to use your state income tax return to make a big difference in our community! If you're due a state income tax refund, this state program gives you the opportunity to use some or all of it to directly support a local nonprofit that matters to you like Kids Aid.

The new program, promoted through the **ReFUND CO** awareness initiative, lets you choose where your donation goes. All you have to do is:

- Decide how much of your state income tax refund to donate (all or a portion of it).
- Enter **Kids Aid** and our registration number **20093010219** in the Donate to a Colorado Non profit Fund line on your state tax return or tax software – or give just give this info to your tax preparer when you share your tax documents.

Last year, Colorado returned more than \$1 billion in refunds to 1.9 million state taxpayers. Imagine how much this could support local community causes like us across Colorado. Because our important work is never done, we're always in need of new funds to revitalize our organization and recharge our work. ReFUND CO shows you how you can support our mission at a critical time of the year. As always, we're grateful for your past support and hope you'll consider donating again through this new program to maintain our mission.

Learn more about the program at [RefundWhatMatters.org](http://RefundWhatMatters.org).



## FEEDBACK



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Vision: **No child experiences hunger in Mesa County**

Mission: **To alleviate childhood hunger so kids can be kids**

CORE VALUES:

- We value **kids**, considering their needs first
- We value **human dignity**, infusing compassion in all that we do
- We value **community partnership**, prioritizing collaboration and joint solutions
- We value **clear and simple systems**, increasing accessibility, efficiency, and responsiveness
- We value **community contribution**, acknowledging all who support our mission and vision
- We value **connection**, operating with gratitude and kindness

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