

United Way of
Northeastern MN

BUDDY BACKPACKS



2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM RESULTS

UWNEMN'S BUDDY BACKPACKS PROGRAM SERVED:

- Overall **995** children were provided meal kits for **35** weekends
 - A total of **34,825** food kits packed and distributed to
 - **841 children** on the Iron Range in **10** school districts and at all Head Start sites
 - **154 children** in Koochiching County in **4** school districts and at KOOTASCA Head Start
 - Enrollment numbers fluctuate throughout the year; numbers above are based on averages from the 2021- 2022 school year



THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!



**Dollar value calculated using the Do Good Institute's April 18, 2022, Value of Volunteer Time Report.*

2021-2022 BUDDY BACKPACKS FUNDERS: St. Louis County, Otto Bremer Foundation, Anonymous Family, The Mary Jane, Emergency Food & Shelter Program, CN Railroad, *Too Many Individual Donors to Name!*, Our Saviors Lutheran Church Virginia, Bronco Football Boosters, Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation, Enridge Energy, Teck American, Inc., Fortune Bay, Marshall N. Knudson Family Community Fund, Tebo Partnership, Hibbing Elks Lodge, Natural Harvest Food Co-Op, Ameriprise Financial, Iron Range Rotary, National Bank of Commerce, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp., Range Association of Realtors, ISD 701, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Dream Machine Motor Club, Our Saviors Lutheran Church Hibbing, Knights of Columbus Virginia, AMVETS Post 12, DMR, International Falls Lions Club, The Schleppeaffin Fund, Faith Lutheran Church, Woman of the ELCA - Babbitt, Essentia, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, Knights of Columbus #2583, Pehrson Lodge Resort, Women of Messiah Lutheran Church ELCA, SWOP Chisholm Lemonade Stand, Alpha Delta Kappa Phi Chapter, Faith ELCA Women, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, General Federation of Women, Wesley United Methodist Church, Chisholm Fire Department

WHY BUDDY BACKPACKS IN NE MN?

- 1 in 5 children struggles with hunger
- An average of 47% of children qualify for free or reduced lunch

100% OF SCHOOL STAFF SURVEYED IN 2022 FOUND VALUE IN
BUDDY BACKPACKS IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!