### **OUR MISSION**

To ensure no child attending **Delaware Primary School** goes hungry

on weekends during the school year.

Delaware Primary School is located on the Syracuse West Side where about three out of four children live in extreme poverty in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods.

All students receive free breakfast and lunch at school during the week. Blessings in a Backpack bridges the weekend hunger-gap for children facing food insecurity.



On Fridays, all students take home a bag with seven healthy, kid-friendly, ready-to-eat foods: whole grains (cereal, granola bar, crackers), protein (meat stick and cheese), and fruit (fruit cup, applesauce, raisins.)

Fueled by the BIBP food, they return to school on Monday nourished and ready to learn.



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Blessings in a Backpack at Delaware Primary School is a ministry of Bellevue Heights UMC since 2016

We are a local program of Blessings in a
Backpack – a national non-profit organization that
mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources
to provide weekend food for children across
America who might otherwise go hungry.
Blessingsinabackpack.org



# Weekend feeding program for Delaware Primary School students

Nourishing children for 10 years!



Who will feed the kids this weekend?

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### **PROGRAM IMPACT**

During the SEPT. 2024 – JUNE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Nourished 356 children each week

Provided over 72,200 healthy food items

Ensured over 10,300 hunger-free weekends

The impact of BIBP goes beyond easing hunger pangs. Food insecurity can impact a child's health, social development, cognitive growth, and general well-being.

Better test scores, improved health, and increased attendance are attributed to consistent childhood nourishment.





"Thank you for the Blessings in a Bag. It's really nice of you. I share with my brother and sister. My favorite part is everything." - Student

"Thank you for the food and the love and we all love you." - Student

"As a single parent trying to provide for my family, I have had a difficult time in the current economy in knowing I can provide consistent meals for my children. At times, I have to go without. The snack bags help a lot, and I appreciate how the school and community work together to support families."

- Parent

"The weekend feeding program is essential in providing Delaware students with access to healthy meals when school is not in session, ensuring consistent availability of a variety of food options to meet their nutritional needs. This initiative has made a meaningful impact on both children and their families by easing food insecurity and promoting overall wellbeing. We are deeply grateful for the continued support that makes this vital program possible."

- Valery Wentworth, Administrative Intern, Delaware Primary School

## WILL YOU HELP FEED THE KIDS THIS WEEKEND?

Our all-volunteer program is made possible by the support of kind and caring people, like YOU!

It costs \$3.44 to feed one child for a weekend – that's nearly \$46,000 to feed all 380 Delaware Primary students in the current school year.

### Join us in making a difference!

### GIVE ONLINE: bellevueheights.org GIVE BY MAIL: Use form below

Your gift is tax-deductible

\$25\$50\$100	
\$250 Other \$	\$125 feeds one child for the school year!
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