



**FOOD2go4Kids WEEKEND  
BACKPACK "Food Bag" PROGRAM  
Ligonier Valley School District  
[www.lv sdfoundation.org](http://www.lv sdfoundation.org)**



\*\* The "Food2go4Kids" weekend food program is sponsored by the Ligonier Valley School District community which includes staff, students and their families, and community supporters. It is coordinated by the LVSD administration and staff and funded by the LVSD Foundation. "Food bags" are filled with both easy to prepare meals and snacks for weekends to all LVSD learners who are pre-qualified. The program was initiated, in January 2015, in response to the high percentage of learners with no access to the free school breakfast and/or lunch they receive during the week.

\*\*This wellness program is provided to learners who are pre-qualified by the district and enrolled by their parents. Learners take home, every Friday during the school year, a "food bag" of nutritious, easy to use, child-friendly food items. Hunger leads to lack of motivation, lethargy, and decreased learning on Monday morning in the classroom. This program has greatly improved the readiness to learn by learners in the LVSD.

\*\*A Summer Program was added in 2019 to mitigate hunger issues when school is not in session. Two sites are available to learners to pick up a "food bag" since the district cannot deliver to their homes.

\*\*In the LVSD, more than one-half of the learner population is eligible for the program. According to Morgan Stanley research, Fill the Plate - Feeding America: "one in four children in the U.S. doesn't have enough to eat. For 17 million+ children, getting a wholesome meal after school or on the weekend is a struggle."

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Ongoing financial support is needed for the program that began in January 2015. It costs \$9/learner per distribution or approximately \$45,000 annually. During the 2019/20 school year, 150+ "food bags" went home weekly. Funding is facilitated through the Food2go4Kids Fund of the Ligonier Valley School District Foundation. Can you make either a one-time contribution or commit to a monthly donation? If so, please complete the form below and return with your donation to LVSDF, Attn: Backpack, P.O. Box 763 Ligonier, PA 15658 or online via the Foundation website at <http://www.lv sdfoundation.org>.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(For budgeting purposes, is this a one-time donation or will it be ongoing? If ongoing, frequency \_\_\_\_\_).

