



Dear Volunteers, supporters and friends,

A year ago, we were humming "School's out for SUMMER" and looking forward to less structure and more "free" time. But thanks to CoVid 19, today looks very similar to the last two+ months, minus the distance learning piece for those of you with school age children.

With school officially out, here is an update on Snack Pak 4 Kids SA and those we serve.

At the very top of the list is our sincere thanks to those of you who have volunteered countless hours to allow children to continue to receive Snack Paks; we are forever indebted to you for the gift of your time and your willingness to leave your homes to come help us. To all who received inventory, stocked, packed, wrapped, delivered, and picked up empty totes, not to mention the bag openers, volunteers on campuses, custodial and food service staff members within our districts, our note encouragers, and those of you with special talents we desperately needed and didn't have, please know that we **COULD NOT** have fed kids during CoVid without you!

At the beginning of the pandemic, we were unsure where we would find the resources required to meet the needs of those we served; but the financial generosity of our Snack Pak community continues to be amazing. To those we asked for help, thank you for saying yes. To those who just gave out of the goodness of their hearts, thank you for your incredible provision. We have been able to continue to purchase the name brand, brand new products we include in Snack Paks, serving as many as 6,000 children a week during the last 2.5 months.

Starting in early May, some of our school districts were able to secure USDA temporary funding to include weekend meals as part of their curb-side delivery. Since federal funds were available for weekend meals, we distributed the remaining Snack Paks already on our campuses; however, we temporarily delayed our large scale deliveries. As a non-profit, we know you expect us to be good stewards of the resources you provide. Our Board has consistently been intentional about honoring both our commitment to kids and to you. Federal funds for weekend food supplements will run out soon and we are currently working with our districts to determine how best to meet needs. The good news is that we have bags packed and ready to go.

Many of you have asked what we expect volunteer opportunities to look like come early August. The short answer is....your guess is as good as ours! We anticipate that, at

least for the beginning of our 2020-21 packing schedule, we will need to be focused on using only adult and teenage volunteers in smaller numbers for longer periods of time, obviously utilizing best practices/recommendations for social distancing, face covering, hand washing, etc. This will mean that we will need firm commitments from our volunteers (assuming you are not sick and have not traveled to "hot spots" in the last 14 days), as we will be trying to pack more bags with less people and must maximize production. It is our hope and desire, of course, to get back to our fun, family friendly, hour long packs as soon as it is safe and reasonable to do so.

We expect the need for weekend food supplements once school starts will increase over the coming months. Luckily, we work on God's crew. He has steered Snack Paks through this incredible and unprecedented journey with His perfect provision of time, talent, and treasure. He already knows how we will meet the need.

Today, we received a generous, unsolicited donation and the note enclosed said this:  
*Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.*  
We will....and we do.

Blessings,  
Leslie Kingman, Volunteer Executive Director  
Michelle Young, Operations Coordinator

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