



## Weekend Feeding Program at Delaware Primary School

*Celebrating 9 years!*

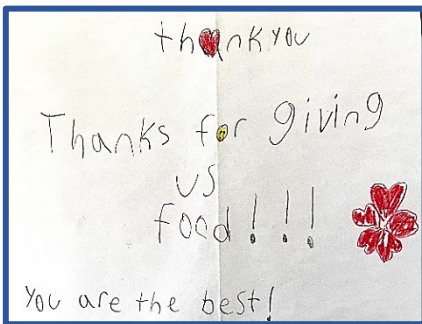
December 2024

Dear Friend,

Since 2016, our Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church Blessings in a Backpack (BIBP) program has ensured that no child attending **Delaware Primary School** goes hungry on weekends during the school year.

Located on the Syracuse West Side, the need is great at Delaware Primary where about three out of four children live in extreme poverty in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods. All of the students receive free breakfast and lunch at school during the week. But what about the weekends where the children can go up to 72 hours without proper nutrition? Our BIBP program bridges the weekend hunger gap.

Every Friday, all Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Delaware Primary students take home up to eight healthy, kid-friendly, ready-to-eat food items – whole grains (cereal, granola bars, crackers), proteins (meat sticks and cheese), and fruit (applesauce, raisins, fruit cups.) Nourished by these weekend meals, students return to school on Monday ready to learn.



Smiles abound on Friday afternoons! The children truly appreciate these meals. **We need your help.** It costs \$3.45 to feed one child for a weekend – that amounts to nearly \$46,000 to **feed all 379 Delaware Primary students** during the current school year!

We hope your holidays are full of love and gratitude. **Thank you for your kindness with a gift today.** Together, we will ensure children in our community have the nutrition to grow and succeed.

Gratefully,

*Bellevue Heights UMC BIBP Committee: Rev. Andy Anderson, Jeanie Brown, Charlie Brown, Charles Brown, Doreen Jacobs, Laura Mattice, Steve Mattice, Susan Scott, Terry Toscano Shenfeld*

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Contact: 315-478-6188 or cdandjmbrown@aol.com

**Yes, I am making sure no child goes hungry on weekends!** *\$150 feeds one child for the school year!*

Enclosed is my gift in the amount of  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$150  \$250 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check enclosed. Made payable to Bellevue Heights UMC with BIBP in the memo line.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ *Your gift is tax deductible. Thank You!*

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**Sept. 2023 – June 2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Nourished 460 children**

**Ensured over 16,200 hunger-free weekends**

**Provided over 113,000 food items**

**Made possible by caring people, like YOU!**