Backpack Buddies seeks donations to help supply children with food

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Backpack Buddies is preparing for the approaching school year. Nearly 3,200 children in 15 counties across Second Harvest Community Food Bank's service area are taking part in the program for the 2012-2013 school year.
In Grundy County, Second Harvest has partnered with the Community Food Pantry, Church Women United, Pamida, now ShopKo, Foundation, Land of Lakes Foundation, U-S Bancorp Foundation and Hoffman & Reed to provide healthy meals to 120 children during the school year. Donations from the public also are accepted.

Backpack Buddies is the supplemental weekend feeding program of Second Harvest Community Food Bank. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast, lunch and snack each weekend during the school year, including extended breaks.

Children will receive food based on four rotating menus. According to Feeding America's "Map the Meal Gap" study, 490 children across Grundy County are considered food "insecure", meaning they don't know where their next meal will come from. For 150 dollars, a child can be sponsored for the entire year. Donations to the Grundy County program can be sent to the Community Food Pantry at 17-03 Harris Avenue in Trenton.

Ginny Wikoff of Trenton is the coordinator for Backpack Buddies in six Grundy county schools. You can visit a web site for our community food bank at:

www.OurCommunityFoodBank.org/BackpackBuddies

Here you can find out more information concerning how to make a donation online.