

Is Tan's Treats Right for Your Child?



What is Tan's Treats backpack program?

Tan's Treats is a non-profit organization focused on fighting childhood hunger. The backpack program is a weekend meal assistance program that provides supplemental meals for food-insecure children to help them get the nourishment they need. Each week small bags of food are delivered to children who would otherwise have no food to eat over the weekend or school break.

Child Hunger Facts

Research shows that hungry children have reduced mental health and overall health, miss more days of school, suffer greater rates of behavioral disorders, and are less prepared to learn when they are in school.

What is food insecurity?

If a child does not get enough food outside of school he/she is considered "food insecure." The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as households that are uncertain of having, or unable to acquire, enough food to meet basic needs of all their members because of insufficient money or other resources.

Is your child a candidate for Tan's Treats backpack program?

There are multiple reasons why a child would benefit from this program. The more of the following that apply to a child's situation the higher the probability that the child would benefit from the backpack program.

- Eligible for free or reduced price school breakfast or lunch.
- Consistently misses one or more meals when not at school.
- Frequent incidents that result in the inability to afford enough food (eg. Single parent struggling to pay bills and provide consistent meals for their family. Loss of employment. Parent that works weekends, resulting in younger children being required to prepare their own meals. Etc.)
- Lack of consistent food resources
- Parent/Guardian that is unable to prepare meals
- Child worries that there will not be enough food for them at home.

Any of the above situations should be considered for receiving a BackPack.

Tan's Treats funding and resources

Food insecurity is the main reason for the BackPack Program. Tan's Treats operates on limited funding received through grants and donations. As a result, the number of children served by Tan's Treats is limited by available funding. We ask that you consider this while deciding if your situation warrants use of the program. Tan's Treats strives to provide food for as many children as possible but is unable to meet the needs of those who seriously need help if the resources are used unnecessarily.