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**RE: 2018-19 Back Pack Buddies Food Program**

Dear Citizens:

The Back Pack Buddies Food Program provides food on Friday afternoons to children who are in extreme need situations and are likely to have inadequate food at home. This program is made possible through the efforts of Manna Food Bank, Transylvania County Schools, Change the World Relief Organization and many local organizations and donors. This program would not reach many of our most at risk students without your local donations.

FY 2018-19 is the 12<sup>th</sup> year for Back Pack Buddies in Transylvania County. The program served an average of 250 students per week during the FY 2017-18 school year. The program provided over 12,500 food packs in FY 2016-17, including larger packs for Holiday and Spring breaks. The program served 182 students during the summer of 2018 all across the county with deliveries being made directly to the home or designated location.

The Department of School Nutrition Services coordinates the Back Pack Buddies Program. Manna Food Bank provides a weekly food pack for 230 students. Local donations provide supplements to the Manna Food packs and entire packs for the additional students who request food packs and who would not be able to receive a food pack without local donations.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Jeffrey S. McDaris, continues to support this program and believes the level of need in the community, warrants the continuation of the Back Pack Buddies program.

We have made arrangements with Change the World Relief Organization, (a local 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization) to purchase and pack local food bags as well as provide accounting services. Change the World does not charge any type of Administration fee(s) for their services.

Please help by sponsoring a local child. Sponsorship forms are available.

Questions may be directed to Carolyn A. Barton, Director of School Nutrition Services, Transylvania County Schools, at 828-884-6173, or [cgbarton@tcsnc.org](mailto:cgbarton@tcsnc.org).

Yours Truly,

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