There are Hastings students who don’t have enough to eat. Weekends without school meals are especially tough. **Food 4 Kids** provides bags filled with kid-friendly food for the weekend. Students arrive back to school on Monday mornings nourished and ready to learn!

**Help students be successful!**

- Donate money or specific food items needed to fill food bags.
- Hold a **Food 4 Kids** food drive and pack bags as a community service activity.

**Impact**

- Beginning in the fall 2015 at one elementary school and the middle school, UWH provided 40 bags of food each week to students.
- By the end of the 2019-20 school year, Food4Kids has expanded to include all of the ISD#200 buildings (early childhood, 3 elementary schools, middle school, high school, and alternative learning center) and a total of 4,366 food bags were distributed each weekend to students & families in need.
- Family support workers at each building have helped hundreds of students & families determine the root cause of hunger over the weekend and provided necessary resources to help them get back on their feet.

**During School Year**

Family support workers from each school district building connect with students & families in need. Support workers provide UWH with the # of bags needed for the weekend. UWH ensures bags are packed and delivered to each building. Support workers disseminate the bags to students.

**During Summer**

UWH works with the Summer SPARQ Program to provide weekend food bags to school-aged kids.

**Anytime**

Schedule a food drive and/or packing event! Get your friends, family, coworkers together for a great way to give back.

**Stuff the Bus**

Annual August food drive prior to the start of school at Coborn’s, Cub Foods, and Walmart. Volunteers and food donations always needed!
How can YOU help?
Purchase Food 4 Kids food items and help make sure students arrive back to school on Monday mornings nourished and ready to learn!

Shopping List
- Cans of Ravioli, Spaghettios, Chili
- Cereal - Individual Servings
- Cereal Bars
- Juice Boxes / Hot Chocolate Packets
- Meat - Canned
- Ramen Noodles
- Beef Sticks
- Oatmeal packets*
- Peanut Butter – Individual Cups*
- Soups*
- Individual Mac & Cheese cups & packets*
- Any other typical "kid-friendly" foods
- Gallon Ziploc bags
*Especially Needed

Helpful Tips
- All Food items should be “non-perishable.”
- Students have to carry the packs home from school in their backpacks so we try to make them light.
- Easy, opening (pop top) cans and simple microwaveable food work the best.
- 6 food items + 1 beverage = 1 gallon-sized food bag. Space is limited.

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