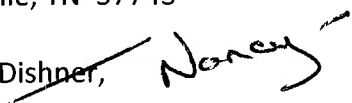


September 25, 2018

Dr. Nancy Dishner
Executive Vice-President
Niswonger Foundation
P.O. Box 5112
Greeneville, TN 37743

Dear Dr. Dishner,



The Niswonger Foundation has served as a critical partner in Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee's (SHFBNT) Food for Kids Backpack Program since 2006 and we are grateful for your partnership. Together, we have worked to end hunger among economically disadvantaged school-age children when they cannot access meals at school. We are asking the Niswonger Foundation to join us again in our continued efforts to make sure no child in Hancock and Hawkins Counties goes without food on the weekends or on holiday breaks. We are requesting funds in the amount of \$18,000 to support approximately 180 children in Hancock and Hawkins Counties including the City of Rogersville.

The Food for Kids Backpack Program is an important solution to ending childhood hunger. By providing food for children to take home on weekends and school breaks when other resources are not available, children have access to food they would often go without until school resumes the following Monday. The Food for Kids Backpacks are filled with child-friendly, nutritious meals and snacks that are easy for children to prepare with little to no adult assistance. SHFBNT conducted a survey among school personnel in the spring of 2018 and confirmed that this program meets a need for the children. An employee from a participating school system stated that according to the school nurses, "if it were not for the food bags, some of the children in their schools would have to go without eating on weekends." Another comment stated, "[W]e see a marked difference in these children [who receive the bags] on Monday mornings than we did before the food program."

This program truly makes a difference in the children who need food. Furthermore, it eases the stress on the parents. According to the survey we conducted among parents of recipients, the majority of parents reported that the backpacks reduced their financial stress and they noticed that their children seemed happier and less stressed. Parents also reported the following observations of their children.

- 53% of parents reported positive improvements in child's health
- 51% of parents saw improvements in child's academic performance
- 37% of parents reported improvements in the child's behavior and ability to concentrate

When adequate food supply is available, children and parents experience less stress and children have better health and academic performance.



Our close working relationships with the 138 participating schools in the 8-county region enables us to reach the children who are most vulnerable to hunger. In Hancock and Hawkins Counties, the Food For Kids Backpack Program serves 20 public schools. SHFBNT Food For Kids Backpack Coordinator, Ashley Penley, trains school personnel about safe food handling practices to ensure that the food is handled correctly and provides them with the eligibility guidelines to enroll children into the program. All children who receive the backpacks are eligible for federal free or reduced meals at schools. School personnel are in close contact with children and may either observe a child hoarding food or eating excessively when he/she has access to food. These are indicators that a child is struggling with hunger. One such case occurred last year when a teacher reported that a young boy took food from the cafeteria one day. When the principal talked with him, the principal found out the boy was taking food from the cafeteria home with him. School personnel were able to enroll him in the FFK Backpack Program and he has not taken food without permission since. The FFK Backpack enabled a child to maintain his sense of dignity and enabled the school to provide ongoing, meaningful assistance to a hungry child with no cost to the school system or the family.

Designed to assist the most economically disadvantaged children with chronic hunger and food insecurity, the Food for Kids Backpack plans to serve 4,500 children in 14 school districts throughout our 8 county service area during the 2018-19 school year. SHFBNT plans to provide FFK backpacks to a total of 110 children in Hancock County and 310 children in Hawkins County. The number of students served remains unchanged from last year as the need remains high in these localities. These are children who are eligible for federal free and reduced (FFR) meal programs and who school personnel have identified as being at high-risk of hunger. Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee will utilize \$18,000.00 from the Niswonger Foundation to provide food for approximately 180 children for the school year. Funding provided by Niswonger Foundation is crucial to provide hungry children in our community with healthy meals and snacks for the weekends and school breaks. The Food for Kids Backpack Program Coordinator has developed a very cost effective program; the bulk of the expense is comprised of purchasing healthy food and distributing the backpacks to area schools. Funders such as the Niswonger Foundation enable us to provide these meals and snacks at no cost to the participating child or the school system.

We are grateful for the financial support and partnership that the Niswonger Foundation has provided to Second Harvest in our efforts to feed hungry children. These funds will have a substantial impact in the lives of these children who suffer from chronic hunger. Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions about the program or this request, please contact me by email at executivedirector@netfoodbank.org or by phone at 423-279-0430.

Sincerely yours,



Rhonda Chafin
Executive Director



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Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Jan. 22, 2014, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in May 1987.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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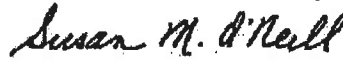
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