



# 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT CARD

#### **SUMMARY**

Bite2Go helped fill the weekend food gap for significantly more students in need in Spokane County last school year.

The results below show that more than 3,300 schoolchildren were helped each week through Bite2Go — 477 more children than the year prior. That's thanks to the tremendous generosity of sponsors, including churches, businesses, clubs and individuals.

Almost half of the students in Spokane County qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, which frequently are their best source of nutrition on weekdays. Many of these kids face chronic food shortages at home and without Bite2Go, would not get enough to eat on Saturdays and Sundays. Bite2Go provides a good mix of easy-to-open, single-serving, nutritious, nonperishable food items for meals and snacks over the weekend during the school year.

Hungry kids have less energy and lack focus, which may result in disruptions in the classroom. Bite2Go helps kids get the nutrition they need over the weekend so they come to school ready to learn on Mondays.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



By the end of the school year, 3,300 Spokane students were receiving Bite2Go food each week. That was 477 more children getting needed food supplies for over the weekend than the previous year.



Over those nine months, 107,998 food packs went to local schoolchildren in need—58% more than last school year.



68 schools were served in Spokane County through the Bite2Go program, including 11 newly sponsored schools.



Hundreds of community volunteers donated 6,174 hours packing the Bite2Go food kits for schoolchildren in need.



Many individuals, businesses, churches and other groups generously covered the cost of food supplies, which were purchased in bulk at deeply discounted prices for \$4 per Bite2Go kit.

# Generous adoptive organizations sponsoring Bite2Go

By the end of the 2016-17 school year, 3,300 schoolchildren a week at 68 schools were receiving Bite2Go food kits for over the weekend. Second Harvest values its partnership with an incredible Spokane nonprofit, At The Core (lifeatthecore.org), which has taken the lead in recruiting adoptive organizations for elementary schools in Spokane and Stevens counties.

Adams/Spokane Hardware Supply Arcadia/Faith Lutheran Church Arlington/Wendle Ford Audubon/Audubon United Methodist Ch. | \*Lake Spokane/Suncrest Family Worship CTR First Free Methodist Church

Balboa/Unitarian Church Bemiss/NAI Black Betz/Cheney Faith Center Brentwood/Branches Church Browne/The Assistants \*Bryant/At The Core Chattaroy/Chattaroy Community Church Colbert/Crossover Church Cooper/Moss Adams Deer Park/Faith Lutheran Church Eagle Peak Alternative/Seven2 & 14Four

East Farms/Randall-Hurley Evergreen/Serve Spokane Farwell/Real Life Ministries Spokane Finch/Garland Church Franklin/St. Marks Church Freeman/Valleyford Community Church Garfield/Moloney + O'Neill **Grant**/South Perry Learning Center Hamblen/Hamblen Park Pres. Church

**Hutton/Summit Church** Indian Trail/Brill Family & Friends Jefferson/St. Stephens Church \*Liberty/INB

Lidgerwood/At The Core Lincoln Heights/PT Associates, Rockwood South Hill Linwood/Gonzaga Business School Logan/McKinstry Co.

\*Loon Lake/McCloskey Construction Madison/STCU

Meadow Ridge/Timberview Church Medical Lake/Medical Lake Food Bank Midway/St. Joseph's Church

\*Millwood Kindergarten/Victory Faith Church Mullan Road/KREM2

\*Nine Mile Falls/Suncrest Family Worship CTR Ness/New Hope Bible Church

Orchard Center/Lydig Construction Otis Orchards/St. Joseph's Church

Pasadena Park/Inland Empire Paper Company Prairie View/Living Stone Church

\*Pride Prep Charter/Downriver Church Regal/Oldcastle Precast Ridgeview/Kiemle & Hagwood

Riverside/Chattaroy Community Church Roosevelt/US Bank & First Pres. Church Salnave/FWU Newman Center Seth Woodard/Hotstart Company Sheridan/Life Center Church Shiloh Hills/Genesis Church Snowdon/Inland Power and Lights & ATC \*Springdale/McCloskey Construction Stevens/Avista Sunset /DAA Northwest

Trent/Mirabeau Chapel \*Trentwood/BECU & Valley Real Life Church Trinity/Bloom Family & Friends Westview/Shadle Park Pres. Church

Whitman/Gonzaga Law, Fellowship Church Willard/City Church Spokane

Wilson/KREM2 Windsor/Peirone Produce

\*Woodridge/Stejer Development LLC

\*newly sponsored schools for 2016-17 school year.

Bite2Go reaches the most at-risk children. "I have heard children speak about their gratitude when their backpacks are filled for the weekend after mentioning that they don't have much food at home. That feeling of hope and being cared about is invaluable for our Bemiss kids." Samantha **Nixon, Speech Therapist, Bemiss Elementary** 

### Students count on Bite 2 Go.

"It is vital for the success of our students. Thank you for serving our students and giving them the tools they need for school through proper nutrition." Erin Peterson, Teacher, Trent Elementary



Bite2Go food makes students **feel safe.** "These services have given my students the confidence to know they will not go hungry over the weekend. This has greatly decreased Friday afternoon anxiety!" Christy Berube, **Teacher, Lidgerwood Elementary** 

Bite2Go assists children and their families. "Your generosity afforded approximately 50 students to receive food packs throughout the school year.

Through your continuous support of our school and many others, you have impacted the lives of many students and their families." Bethany Chambers, **Counselor, Adams Elementary**