

CARING COMMUNITY FRIENDS INC.

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To the Members of the Board of Education, Sapulpa Public Schools

Subject: Proposal for Partnership – Caring Community Friends Weekend Backpack Program (2026-27)

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

On behalf of Caring Community Friends (CCF), I am pleased to present this overview of our **Weekend Backpack Snack Program** for your review. As an independent, local non-profit charity, CCF is seeking continued partnership with Sapulpa Public Schools (SPS) for the upcoming 2026-27 school year to fight childhood hunger and support our community's most vulnerable, food-insecure students.

Our goal is simple: to ensure that no child in Sapulpa Elementary Schools goes hungry over the weekend.

Program Overview & How It Works

The Weekend Backpack Program is a charitable initiative designed to bridge the weekend hunger gap. Many children rely heavily on school-provided breakfasts and lunches for their daily nutrition. When school is out on weekends and holidays, these children often face severe food insecurity. CCF provides these students with bags of nutritious, easy-to-prepare, and kid-friendly food to take home.

To ensure the program is both highly effective and deeply respectful of student privacy, we operate under the following guidelines:

- **100% Student Confidentiality:** CCF does not require, request, or receive the names or identities of any participating students. SPS school sites only provide CCF with the *number* of students to be served. All student identities remain strictly confidential and are maintained solely at the school site.
- **School-Led Identification:** Teachers, counselors, or school nurses—who know the students best—identify those who show signs of being at risk of food insecurity at home.
- **Discreet Distribution:** To prevent embarrassment or social stigma, school staff discreetly provide the food bags into the children's regular backpacks before the weekend or school breaks.
- **Nutritious, Kid-Friendly Food:** The food bags are packed with non-perishable, easy-to-open items that require little to no cooking.

Why This Partnership Matters

- **Fills the Weekend Gap:** This program directly addresses the gap between Friday's school lunch and Monday's school breakfast, protecting children from the physical and emotional distress of hunger.
- **Supports Learning and Behavior:** When children return to school on Monday morning fed, energized, and nourished, they are ready to learn, focus, and succeed—rather than spending their school day recovering from two days of hunger.

CCF provides all food, supplies, and program funding at absolutely no cost to Sapulpa Public Schools, the individual school sites, or the participating families.

We have attached a simple Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the basic operational roles for both CCF and SPS site coordinators. We would be honored to partner with Sapulpa Public Schools to support our students' health, well-being, and academic success.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedication to the children of Sapulpa. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.



Dr. Camille Teale, Executive Director