

# THE MISSION

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We believe that no child should go hungry because of lack of food, economic hardship or poor choices made by caretakers. The Deubrook Backpack Project provides three nutritious meals and healthy snacks per day over weekends when meals are not available through the school for children attending the Deubrook Area Public Schools. These children are from families living in the White, Astoria, and Toronto areas of South Dakota and Hendricks area of Minnesota. The Deubrook Backpack Project provides food throughout the school-year, generally 38 weeks, including the weekends of holidays and extended breaks.

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## REALLY? HUNGER HERE?

According to the demographics of Brookings County report of the 2010 census data, 19% of households are below the poverty line.

Rates of food insecurity, the statistical measurement of hunger or near hunger, among rural households is slightly higher than the national average. The irony is that many of these food-insecure households are in the very rural and farm communities whose productivity feeds the world and provides low-cost wholesome food for American consumers.

14.2% of rural households are food insecure, an estimated 2.8 million households.

In Brookings County, the food insecurity rate is 12.1%, affecting more than 3560 households. Of those 50% are below the SNAP\* threshold.

In Deuel County, the food insecurity rate is 11.0%, affecting more than 470 households.

- \* In Brookings County, 50% are below this SNAP threshold
- \* In Deuel County, 26% are below this SNAP threshold

The fact that so many people need to turn to a food bank or church pantry just to eat in the very same communities where the food is raised is a sad reminder of how much more needs to be done.

(Information gleaned from  
[www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org))

## DEUBROOK BACKPACK PROJECT

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### Website

[www.awsumchurches.org/  
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# DEUBROOK BACKPACK PROJECT (DBP)

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP US

Please know that the value of your monetary donation to DBP will far exceed its dollar amount in the lives of children served, and the value of your work on their behalf will transcend the number of hours you volunteer. We thank you in advance for your extraordinary generosity.

Your generous gift of only **\$5** will feed a child for an entire weekend. Your gift of **\$20**, for an entire month. Your gift of **\$200** for the entire school year.

Individuals and companies may make tax-free deposits directly to the Deubrook Backpack Project Checking Account at the First Bank and Trust in either White or Brookings, South Dakota. Checks may also be given to the White United Methodist Church Financial Secretary for deposit to the Deubrook Backpack Project checking account held at First Bank & Trust.

DBP operates under the umbrella of the White United Methodist Church, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Its Tax ID number 46-0374448.



= \$5.00. One Starbucks a week provides weekend meals and snacks for one child.



= \$20. A grocery sack of food provides enough weekend meals and snacks for four children.



= \$200. Provides one child with weekend meals and snacks for the entire school year.

Start a "DBP Change Jar." Regularly drop change into a designated jar. At the end of each month, count the money and donate it to DBP. If \$5 can provide one child with enough food for one weekend, what can the money you collected do?

Contact the Deubrook Backpack Project to help volunteer, to sponsor a child, to spread the word, or if you would like to help in other areas.

If you would like a speaker at your church, organization or event, please contact us.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Deubrook Backpack Project (DBP) works with school staff to provide a free supply of meals and snacks to students who may need an additional food resource over weekends during the school year. The food is given to the children before they leave school each Thursday (or, in case of holiday, the last day before the break).

Any child enrolled in the Deubrook Public Schools is eligible. There *is no other eligibility requirement*. This program is *not* associated with the free reduced-cost lunch program. The parent completes a consent form and returns it to the school. The information is kept confidential by the school superintendent.

Once the school receives the consent form, the child's name is added to the list of students registered for DBP. If DBP has sufficient funds, the child will soon begin to receive a supply of kid-friendly food at the end of each school week.

\*SNAP threshold: A dollar amount (based on a percent of the poverty level) at which a household's income is