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RAVEN PACKS NEWS

*Making an ImPACKt by addressing food-insecurity in the
Ravenna School District and community*

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THE IMPACT OF A COMMUNITY

Four years ago, Raven Packs founders envisioned a community-wide initiative serving Ravenna's kids. The importance of a community recognizing a need and stepping up to support its own members was at the forefront. Today, Raven Packs continues to embrace this vision with the support of various community organizations, individuals, and donors.

Regular food item collections from Ravenna First Church of God, Maplewood Christian Church, and Grace Episcopal supplement bag menus. Guido's and Education Alternatives vehicles along with multiple personal minivans and trucks arrive on packing days to deliver food bags to schools. Ravenna's district superintendent, school board members, and local government workers join the volunteer team to fill bags. Parker-Hannifin employees take the initiative to obtain a grant on behalf of Raven Packs operations. Financial support for the Raven Packs mission arrives in the PO Box from familiar names and repeat monthly donors. Volunteer groups from programs like United Way, LEAP, Mainstreet Ravenna, and The Welty Group take time out of their workdays to help fill bags with food for kids in the Ravenna community. Online fundraisers and social media 'shares' and 'likes' spread the news about the Raven Packs mission and the work being done right here in Ravenna. Countless individuals labor behind the scenes to manage the student lists, bag menus, food pick ups, packing day details, fundraising initiatives, delivery timelines, and so much more.

This really is the vision. Thanks to the many avenues of support embraced by our amazing Ravenna community, Raven Packs continues to press forward in the huge task of battling food insecurity here at home. We're so thankful that you're all on this path with us!

Wondering how you can get involved? Email us at k5ravenpacks@gmail.com or scan the QR code on the next page.



AN EVENING OUT FOR RAVEN PACKS

Join us at West Main St. Winery (234 W. Main St.) on May 25th from 6-9pm for our spring fundraiser!

- Tickets: \$20, available at the door only
- Ticket includes 1 drink (wine, beer, or wine slushie) and 3 raffle tickets
- 50/50 and basket raffle tickets available for purchase
- Exclusive Raven Packs drink available
- Exclusive Raven Packs tumblers and cups available
- Cash, check, or Venmo accepted



Want to donate a raffle basket for this event? Coordinate with us by May 15th by emailing k5ravenpacks@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

You're never too young to make an impact! Eliot, a second grader from Ravenna, helped to supply multiple food bag items for April's bag menu. To see his donation in action, Eliot and his dad helped fill Raven Packs with the donated items to battle food-insecurity for kids over Ravenna's spring break. Big thanks to Eliot and family!



FOLLOW US

Now there are even more ways to stay up-to-date on Raven Packs happenings. Follow along with us on Instagram ([raven_packs44266](https://www.instagram.com/raven_packs44266)), send donations through Venmo ([@raven-packs](https://www.venmo.com/@raven-packs)), and be on the lookout for our new website (www.ravenpacks.com), coming soon!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

5/19 Packing Day
5/25 West Main St. Winery fundraiser

*Volunteers can register to help pack through the Sign-Up Genius link, available on our Facebook page.

BY THE NUMBERS

9,010 Raven Packs packed and distributed to students so far this school year

97 Raven Packs classroom snack packs distributed to K-5th grade classrooms this school year

Support Raven Packs through Venmo: [@Raven-Packs](https://www.venmo.com/@Raven-Packs)



Stay in touch with us!

