



# BULLDOG BAGS, INC. UPDATE

a 501(c)(3) non profit organization addressing food insecurity in the Stow-Munroe Falls (OH) City School District

## STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM YOUR GENEROSITY

Thanks to the generosity of the greater SMF community, in January, 3 additional items were included in the Middle and High School Bulldog Bags. In March, ALL Bags will have yet another 3 items that are lightweight, so they won't add too much additional weight. Middle and High School Bags will have about 18 food items and Pre-K—6 will have about 15 food items, plus the personal care item that is included in the last Bag of the month. With these extra items, hopefully, the food in the Bulldog Bags won't have to be rationed out over the weekend, as the children strive to fill their tummys!



## FOOD ALLERGIES

With the packing and distribution of Bulldog Bags for over 600 children, it is impossible to address individual food allergies. However, there is an organization in our community that serves families/individuals with food allergies: For more information, contact:

**The Celiac and Allergy Friendly Food Initiative**  
330-603-7644, [caffi@allergyfriendlyfood.org](mailto:caffi@allergyfriendlyfood.org)

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED or JUST GET INFO?

As an all-volunteer organization, **Bulldog Bags, Inc.** is dependent on people from the greater community to stay apprised of what's going on with the organization, as well as to serve on committees. If you'd like to receive our e-newsletter and/or let us know of your interest in becoming involved, please provide your **CONTACT INFORMATION** at [www.bulldogbags.org/get-involved](http://www.bulldogbags.org/get-involved)



## GEARING UP FOR SUMMER

Planning has started for the summer program, Bulldog Boxes, which have a minimum of 10 meals/snacks in family-sized portions. Boxes are distributed to registered families 1 time a month in June, July and August. Families of children eligible for Bulldog Bags can begin registering on Friday April 3, 2020 at [www.bulldogbags.org/summer-program](http://www.bulldogbags.org/summer-program).

## 90 SECOND SHOPPING SPREE AT STOW ACME

The winner of the *90 Second Shopping Spree at Stow ACME* got \$362.11 in items...pretty good return on a \$10.00 raffle ticket!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 14 and 15, 2020; SMF SHOWCASE;** Bulldog Bags, Inc will have an Information Table and will be **collecting Rice Krispie Treats!** Stop by to see our display!

**Friday, March 20, 2020, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., ARBY'S Fundraiser** will donate 20% of the receipts; no flyer needed; eat in or drive thru. If you are on your way out of town for Spring Break, grab a quick dinner for the road!

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 5:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., BRUEGGER'S BAGELS** will donate 15% of the receipts; flyer is needed and can be found on [www.bulldogbags.org/calendar](http://www.bulldogbags.org/calendar). After you mail your taxes at the post office on Darrow Road, stop and support Bulldog Bags, Inc.

**Friday, April 3rd, 2020,** registration for the Summer Program, Bulldog Boxes, will begin. Information will be on web page [www.bulldogbags.org/summer-program](http://www.bulldogbags.org/summer-program)

***WATCH BULLDOG BAGS, INC.'s Facebook page and its web site for updated information!***

***vol-un-ter: A person who freely offers to take part in a task; they are not paid, because their time is so precious that a value cannot be assigned to it!***

### DINE-TO-DONATE FUNDRAISERS

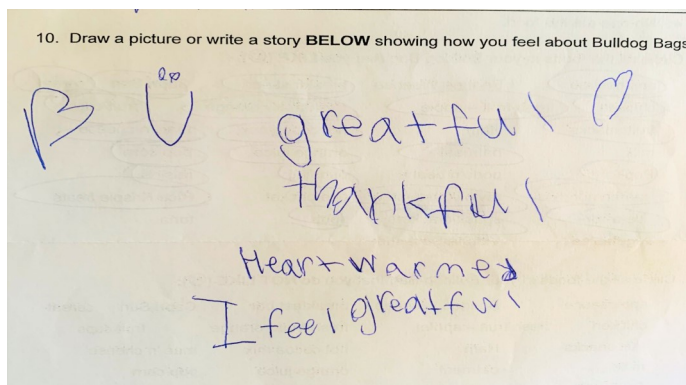
From the Dine-to-Donate fundraisers at area food establishments, Bulldog Bags, Inc. has received an average of **\$232.00** each time; they vary as some require a flyer; some do not and the percentages of the total receipts varies, also. Although these are not large amounts, compared to our monthly budget, they are very important to the organization, as they provide an opportunity for members of the greater community to be involved with Bulldog Bags, Inc. It is a win-win, as the community members get to enjoy a meal and at the same time provide funds to help SMFCSD children have weekend food!



### MARCH AND APRIL PACKING AND DISTRIBUTION DATES

Because of the SMF school calendar, the dates for packing and distribution do not follow our usual 2nd and last Friday schedule: March and April dates are: March 6 (9 a.m.); March 18 (6 p.m. packing; March 19 distribution; April 3 (9 a.m.); April 24 (9 a.m.).

### APPRECIATIVE RECIPIENT



**THANK YOU, SMFCSD LEADERSHIP,**  
for taking time from your busy schedules to assist  
with packing Bulldog Bags!



### FOOD AND PERSONAL CARE ITEM DRIVES



Especially with the addition of more items to the twice a month Bulldog Bags, the drives are even more important in addressing food insecurity in the SMFCSD children. If your organization or business would like to host a Drive, please choose an item from the Drive Schedule at [www.bulldogbags.org/food-drives](http://www.bulldogbags.org/food-drives) and email your selection to [bulldogbags44224@gmail.com](mailto:bulldogbags44224@gmail.com).

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**YOU** can play a pivotal role in improving the lives of children in our community!

- **You** can volunteer on one of the committees;
- **You** can host/support community food drives to help keep the cost Bulldog Bags manageable;
- **You** can host a fundraising event, as well as attend Bulldog Bags, Inc. fundraising events;
- **You** can sponsor 1 child's Bulldog Bags for a year for \$60.00;
- **You** can make a monetary donation; Bulldog Bags, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible (through the website or through the mail).

**SUPPORT FROM THE ENTIRE GREATER COMMUNITY IS INTEGRAL TO BULLDOG BAGS, INC.**