



BULLDOG BAGS, INC. UPDATE

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

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Bulldog Bags, Inc. is in its 5th school year of providing Bulldog Bags, which have 12-15 food items, to eligible children in the SMFCSD 2 times a month. The items consist of proteins, grains, vegetables/fruit (fresh, when available), and snacks. A personal care item is included in the last Bag of the month.

It, also, provides items for Bulldog Cupboards at the middle and high schools, a Bulldog Pantry for staff to service families experiencing a dire need, as well as, the summer program, Bulldog Boxes.

HOLIDAY BAKING

Holiday baking can be expensive and prohibitive for families with little discretionary income. For the the 5th year, December Bulldog Bags will include a pouch of sugar cookie mix and a can of whipped frosting. *All About Dance* by Kristen students have been collecting these items and there will be a **FOOD DRIVE at the Kent Road ACME on December 5th from 9 - 1 to collect these items.** Please stop by and purchase these items to help families that might not otherwise have freshly baked Holiday cookies. The items can, also, be purchased and dropped off at Stow City Hall!



THANK YOU TO THE SMF SCHOOLS' STAFF AND STUDENTS

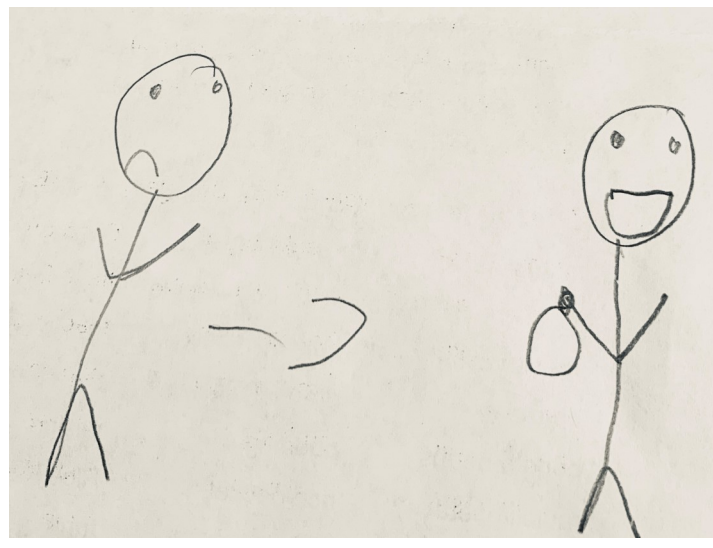
Each month one of Stow-Munroe Falls City School District's schools/Central Office chooses an item(s) to collect (from the *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* Food Drive schedule) that will be included in Bulldog Bags! Also, organizations within the schools may choose to hold a drive for items for Bulldog Bags! The SMF High School Student Council held a drive and collected 2,926 Rice Krispie Treats, 328 cereal cups, and 580 lip balms. What amazing gestures of support in addressing food insecurity in their classmates!



APPRECIATIVE RECIPIENT

At the end of the school year children, parents, and SMFCSD staff are surveyed to provide feedback to help make improvements to the program. We especially love the expressions of appreciation from the students!

A picture is worth a thousand words!



SHOPPING SPREE FUNDRAISER

Will you buy a chance to win a 90 Second Shopping Spree at Stow ACME?

Winning ticket will be drawn at the January 19th packing and shopping spree will be on Saturday, January 23rd! Last year's winner of the Shopping Spree collected \$362.11 in groceries in 90 seconds (for a \$10 ticket)!!

Shopping Spree Raffle Tickets are \$10.00 each and make great Stocking Stuffers for a special friend or neighbor gifts! We will sell them at Tuesday packings and on November 21st at the Stow Community Church Holiday Market; otherwise, we don't have a "Place" to sell them, but will mail or deliver tickets.

Email bulldogbags44224@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a ticket(s). *Even if you don't have the winning ticket, your money stays in the community and helps address food insecurity in our children.*



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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!

STUCK ON WHAT TO BUY SOMEONE?

You can honor a special friend or relative by making a donation to *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* and an HONOR CARD will be mailed to the person to advise of your donation in their honor. Just mail your donation to Bulldog Bags, Inc., P. O. Box 1475, Stow, OH 44224 with the person's name and address and the Honor Card will be mailed, as well as a "thank you" to you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov. 18, Chipotle Fundraiser, 5 - 9
- Nov. 21, Stow Community Church Holiday Mart: Shopping Spree tickets available, 9 - 1
- Dec. 5, Cookie mix & frosting Food Drive at ACME, 10-2
- Dec. 14, *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* **GENERAL MEETING** (Election of officers/board), 6:30 p.m via **ZOOM**; RSVP on SignUp Genius and ZOOM link will be sent to you: www.bulldogbags.org/events
- Dec. 15, ARBY'S Fundraiser, 5 - 9
- Jan. 19, Shopping Spree ticket drawn at Packing, 9 a.m.
- Jan. 23, Shopping Spree at Stow ACME, 8 a.m.

FUNDRAISERS**DINE-to-DONATE**

CHIPOTLE - Wed., November 18th, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Chipotle will donate 33% of food receipts back to *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* 4 ways to let them know you are part of the fundraiser: 1. Tell the cashier, 2. Show the flyer on your phone (www.bulldogbags.org/events), 3. Give cashier a paper flyer, 4. Order ONLINE at www.chipotle.com or the official Chipotle APP for pick-up and include PROMO CODE **M7ZQF9N**

ARBY'S - Tues., December 15th, 5 p.m.—9 p.m.

The Norton Road ARBY's will donate 20% of ALL sales during the time period — NO FLYERS ARE NEEDED!

STOW SMILES Family Dental Care, 3102 Graham Rd., 330-673-6830: During October and November, Stow Smiles will donate to *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* for each new patient.

INTEGRITY Auto Care, 5026 Hudson Drive, 330-689-2100: Through their Integrity Cares program, they will donate 10% of most auto services to *Bulldog Bags, Inc.*, if you designate it as your non-profit.

AMAZON SMILES: If you are Holiday shopping online at AMAZON, please use www.smile.amazon.com and choose *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* as your charity, then, when you shop, use www.smile.amazon.com and a small portion of your purchase is donated to *Bulldog Bags, Inc.*

BULLDOG BAGS, INC. ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Bulldog Bags, Inc., as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, is dependent on the generosity of the greater community, as well as small fundraisers, to meet its annual budget, which for 2021 is \$75,600. Any assistance that you can provide is greatly appreciated in helping to address food insecurity in the SMFCSD.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As an ALL-VOLUNTEER organization, Bulldog Bags, Inc. is dependent on the greater community to provide the work and the funds to address food insecurity in the 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 support *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* by attending its 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);
- **You** can designate *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* for part of your IRA distribution.