



BULLDOG BAGS, INC. UPDATE

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

GIFT CARD THANK YOU



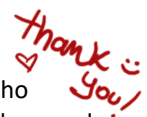
In cooperation with Stow City Council person at-large, Christina Shaw, a drive was held to collect \$5.00 grocery store gift cards to be included in the November Bulldog Bags to ensure that families of Bulldog Bag recipients would have a turkey on their Thanksgiving table. The Drive was SO successful that many more were received than were needed for the November Bags.....the Drive was extended, so that a \$5.00 card could, also, be included in a December 15th Bulldog Bag. **Bulldog Bags, Inc** would NEVER be able to **thank** all of the donors individually...most were just dropped off at City Hall anonymously or with a name, but no address.

An extremely generous family in Stow, learning of the Thanksgiving \$5.00 Gift Card Drive, donated \$20.00 Gift Cards that were included in the December 15th Bulldog Bags to help with holiday groceries. One mother reported that the December gift cards helped her to purchase the ingredients for some home baking orders that she needed to fill...the value of the cards was probably increased when she was paid of the orders! Another mother reported that her son was delighted to present her with the cards to "help with the family grocery bill!"

The generosity of the greater Stow-Munroe Falls Community and their support of Bulldog Bags, Inc. in helping to address food insecurity in our SMF children and families is greatly appreciated!

COOKIE MIX and FROSTING DRIVE...and MORE

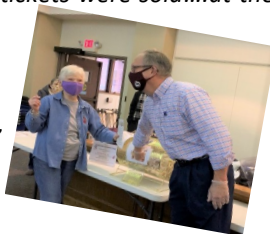
Thank you to all of the people who donated cookie mix and frosting at the ACME Drive on December 5th and to the volunteers who Helped!! One very generous family purchased several cases to make sure that children could have fresh baked Holiday cookies.



Food drives continue to be very important to **Bulldog Bags, Inc.** They help to keep the cost of a Bulldog Bag manageable. Individuals and organizations can choose what to collect from the Food Drive Schedule at www.bulldogbags.org/food-drives. The items are due the middle of the month and are included in the last Bulldog Bag of the month.

SHOPPING SPREE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who supported the **90 Second Shopping Spree at ACME!** This year many tickets were sold via USPS in response to the articles that were in the *Stow Sentry*. **281 tickets were sold....at the January 12th Bulldog Bags packing, the stubs were spun around in a spinner and Mayor Pribonic pulled out the lucky winner, who shopped on Jan. 23rd and put \$608.73 in items in her cart... pretty good for a \$10 raffle ticket!**



BULLDOG BAGS, INC. LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS:

- President, Laura Root
- Vice President, Gary Spring
- Recording Secretary, Mary Treptow
- Corresponding Secretary, Jan Mather
- Treasurer, Renee Cartwright

BOARD MEMBERS:

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| Deb Berkey, SMF representative | Bill Flinta |
| Beverly Cummings | Cheryl Hanna |
| Sally Dean, SMFCSD representative | Denise Mullins |
| Bob Fletcher | Matt Pallo |

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

- Communication: Jan Mather
- Delivery: Nancy Reinhart
- Finance: Bill Flinta
- Fundraising: John Hayduke
- Governance: Laura Root
- Menu/Purchasing: Jeannine Case
- Packing: Cheryl Hanna
- Volunteers: Beverly Cummings

PROGRAMS:

- Bulldog Bags: Laura Root
- Bulldog Boxes: Bob Fletcher
- Bulldog Cupboards/Pantry: Nancy Camburn, Sally Dean, Kathy Doody

THANK YOU TO THE AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/SUMMIT COUNTY

Bulldog Bags, Inc. was the recipient of a Summit County CARES Grant to help with some unbudgeted costs related to COVID from March - December 2020, such as the additional Bulldog Bag in May, increased recipients of Bulldog Boxes (the summer program), additional Bulldog Box in August, and increased food costs September - December. Bulldog Bags, Inc. is very appreciative of this assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10 - March 15, **Pampered Chef On-Line Fundraiser** <https://www.pamperedchef.com/bulldogbagsmarch21>
 February 25, **T.G.I. Friday** (Dine-to-Donate), 11 am - 9 pm
 March 1, City of Stow's **Monday Meals**, **Bulldog Bags, Inc.** volunteers will deliver for **Brubaker's Pub and Tip Top**

FUNDRAISERS

DINE-to-DONATE



T.G.I. Friday, February 25, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

T.G.I.F. will donate 20% of food receipts back to **Bulldog Bags, Inc.** Dine-in, Carry-out, or Curb-side pick-up. Show an electronic or print copy of the flyer available at www.bulldogbags.org/events

Monday Meals, March 1, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

As a part of the City of Stow's Monday Meal program, Bulldog Bags, Inc. will deliver on-line and call-in meals for **Brubaker's Pub and Tip Top**. **Bulldog Bags, Inc.** will be the recipient of tips for the evening.

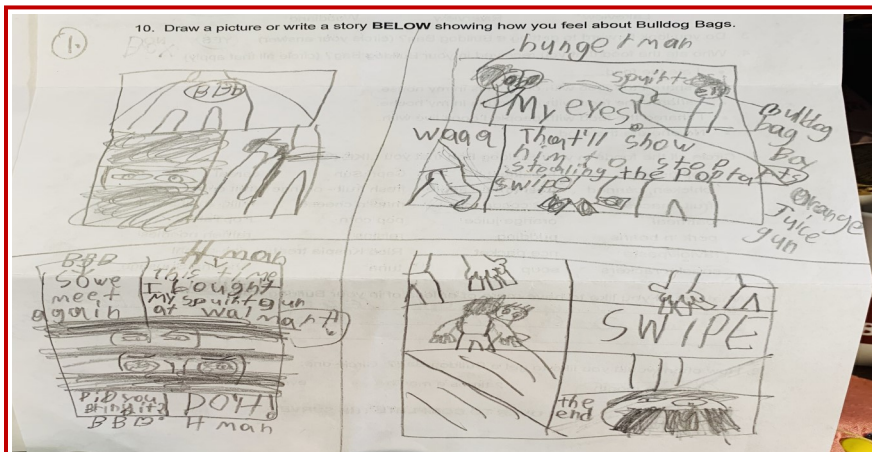
OTHER FUNDRAISERS

PAMPERED CHEF ON-LINE FUNDRAISER, February 10 - March 15

If you are looking for gifts for showers, weddings, mothers, fathers, graduates, or just adding to your kitchen tools, check out the Pampered Chef catalog at <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/bulldogbagsmarch21> and order on-line. Pampered Chef will donate a percentage of each sale to Bulldog Bags, Inc.

AMAZON SMILES: If you are shopping on-line 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.**

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.



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 have a budding cartoonist who is the recipient of Bulldog Bags, as Bulldog Bag Man saves the day by taking out Hunger Man!

A picture is worth a 1000 words!

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 to pack or to serve 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.** 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.