



# BULLDOG BAGS, INC. UPDATE

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

## WRAP UP OF BULLDOG BOXES FOR 2021

Bulldog Boxes, the summer program of *Bulldog Bags, Inc.*, is designed to assist families with limited resources with their summer food budgets, when the children are home for all meals. It provides a Box of food in family-sized portions one time a month in June, July, and August. The Box has fresh, frozen, and non-perishables foods, plus some cleaning items.

- An average of 97 families were served each month;
- The families were comprised of an average of 179 adults and 208 children;
- The average weight of a Bulldog Box was 59.5#;
- The average retail value of a Bulldog Box was \$106.02;
- The average cost of a Bulldog Box was \$47.02.

Thank you to the many individuals, businesses, and organization that donated money and/or items to this program to help families in the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District.



## CLEVELAND BROWNS TICKETS RAFFLE

A local SMF couple has generously donated **two Cleveland Browns tickets** to Bulldog Bags, Inc.

The tickets for the **November 21st 1:00 p.m. game for Browns vs the Lions, section 127, row 11** will be raffled off as a fundraiser for *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* to help address food insecurity in the SMFCSD. **Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each** and will be available from *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* Board, as well as at:

- Bulldog Bags packings;
- *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* Information table at the September 18 Stow Farmers Market;
- Wing Warehouse on Graham Road on October 3rd and 10th; and
- by mail: Bulldog Bags, Inc., P. O. Box 1475, Stow, OH 44224.

*Winning ticket will be drawn on FACEBOOK LIVE at the November 5th packing of Bulldog Bags!*

## 2020-2021 LAKEVIEW STUDENTS

In the Spring, Lakeview students collected FUN items to be included with the June Bulldog Boxes. Parents and children, alike, were delighted with the art supplies, frisbees, play dough, bubbles, jump ropes, glow-in-the-dark bracelets, beach balls, and sprinklers.



Thank you, Lakeview students, for adding some FUN for your fellow classmates!

## WHAT'S A BULLDOG BAG?

A Bulldog Bag is a Bag of 15-18 individual size, easily opened and prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner items to take the place on the weekend the meals that the child would have had at school. They are for children who qualify for the Free and Reduced Meal Program at school or are experiencing a crisis resulting in food insecurity.

The Bulldog Bags are packed at Stow City Hall and delivered to the schools to be distributed to the students according to the schools' plans for distribution, hopefully to protect the children's privacy. *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* does NOT know who the children are.

A schedule of the packing and distribution dates is at [www.bulldogbags.org/events](http://www.bulldogbags.org/events)

## THANK YOU TO THE AKRON UKULELE CLUB

*Two years ago the Akron Ukulele Club decided that their appearance at the Stow Community Farmers' Market would, also, be a fundraiser for Bulldog Bags, Inc. This year, with the generosity of many local retailers, Bulldog Bags, Inc. put together 11 raffle prizes, which were raffled off on FACEBOOK LIVE at the August 7 Stow Community Farmers' Market. The raffle generated \$754....thanks to the generosity of the very supportive greater Stow-Munroe Falls Community!*

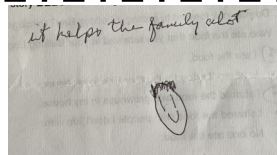
### UPCOMING EVENTS



- Sept. 18** Bulldog Bags, Inc. Info Table at Stow Community Farmers Market, 9 - 12:30
- Sept. 18** Chipotle Fundraiser, 5 - 9, eat-in or pick-up
- Sept. 19** SMF Pawfest at Bow Wow Beach; **please bring individual cereals to donate for Bulldog Bags**
- Oct. 3 and 10** Raffle Tickets for Cleveland Browns Tickets available at Graham Road Wing Warehouse, Graham Road
- Oct. 1** Garretts Mill Diner Fall and Winter Soup Fundraiser begins
- Nov. 1 – Jan. 21** ACME Shopping Spree Tickets available
- Dec. 4** ACME Food Drive for cookie mix pouches and whipped frosting with *All About Dance* by Kristen

### IN APPRECIATION

A comment from the Children's Survey at the end of the 2020-2021.



### FOOD DRIVES FOR BULLDOG BAGS

Food drives are very important to help keep our cost of Bulldog Bags manageable. The purchasers first look at the number of items donated, then what is available at the Food Bank, then the rest is purchased at local retailers. The Food Drive Schedules are available at [www.bulldogbags.org/food-drives](http://www.bulldogbags.org/food-drives). You/your group can choose an item from the Schedule to collect; please email [bulldogbags44224@gmail.com](mailto:bulldogbags44224@gmail.com) and let us know what you plan to collect! We will pick up the collection or you can deliver it to Stow City Hall...please remember to fill out a donation form.

#### **vol-un-teen:**

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!

### CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* on Saturday, September 18th between 5 - 9 p.m. Chipotle will donate 33% of your bill, but you'll need the paper flyer ([www.bulldogbags.org/events](http://www.bulldogbags.org/events)), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you are supporting the fundraiser! You can, also, order on line for a pickup; use the code NBT2BPK before checkout in "promo" field and click "Apply", to have your order count toward the fundraiser!

### GARRETTS MILL DINER SOUP FUNDRAISER



Starting October 1st, Garretts Mill Diner will have **quarts of Chicken Noodle Soup** available in its Grab and Go Section. Each quart sold will help support the cost of a Bulldog Bag.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After a packing Bulldog Bags with a small crew since March 2020, *Bulldog Bags, Inc.* is happy to have a room full of volunteers this school year! Set-up at Stow City Hall is at 8 a.m. and packing begins at 9 a.m.; we are finished and cleaned up in less than an hour! You/your group can sign up at [www.bulldogbags.org/volunteer](http://www.bulldogbags.org/volunteer)

### PAWFEST

*Bulldog Bags, Inc.* will have an information table at the SMF Lion's Club PAWFEST on September 19th 10 - 4 at Silver Springs Park. There will be lots of vendors, demonstrations, dog contests, and more! **Please bring individual cereal to donate to Bulldog Bags, Inc.**

### 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.* 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