## Kingsbury County Food Pantry School Backpack Program Weekend Meals for Kids

#### Available for Lake Preston students in Pre-school – grade 12

- Kid friendly meals and snacks easy for kids to prepare
- Friday delivery of food for the weekend
- Any parent or guardian who believes that his or her child(ren) would benefit from this supplemental food resource should <u>complete and return the attached Consent Form</u> as soon as possible.
- Any child who is currently enrolled in the Lake Preston Public School preK through grade 12 is eligible for the backpack program. There is no other eligibility requirement.
- NOTE: The backpack program CANNOT accommodate special needs diets.

#### How the program works:

Each week, volunteers at the Kingsbury County Food Pantry procure kidfriendly, easy-to-prepare food, package it, and deliver it to Lake Preston School. School personnel distribute the food to participating children before they leave for the weekend. (The schedule prior to school holidays is, of course, somewhat different.) The food is given to the children in plastic grocery bags. Although backpacks are often used in similar programs around the nation, grocery bags are being used in Lake Preston because they're less apt to be noticed by students' peers.

# **Kingsbury County Food Pantry School Backpack Program Weekend Meals for Kids attending Lake Preston Schools**

The Kingsbury County Backpack Project works with school staff to provide a **free supply of meals and snacks** to students who may need an additional food resource over weekends during the school year. The food is given to the children before they leave school each Friday (or, in case of holiday, the last day before the break). **Any child enrolled in the Lake Preston Public School may participate. There is no other eligibility requirement.** 

If you believe that your child would benefit from this assistance, please register her/him right away. **To register, simply complete the consent form below and return it to Lake Preston School.**If you have more than one child in school, you only have to submit one form, listing all your children. \*This information will be kept confidential.

\*\*\*We are aware that some children may have food allergies, intolerances, or special needs diets. Please be advised that the Backpack program CANNOT accommodate special requests/diets.

Please consider letting this terrific program help your family. Questions? Contact your child's school counselor, principal, or the Kingsbury County Food Pantry.

(Note: This program is not associated with the free/reduced-cost lunch program operated through the Lake Preston Public Schools.)

### 2017-18 Kingsbury County Food Pantry Backpack Project in Lake Preston Consent Form

Please register my child(ren) for the Backpack Project. I understand that, my child(ren) will soon start to receive a supply of food the last day of each school week for his/her use over the weekend or school holiday.

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