



August 2021

Hope and Friends Backpack Food Program and POWER HOUSE!

To Parents/Guardians of children at Power House:

ADEQUATE NUTRITION MAKES FOR BETTER LEARNING. You may wish to have your child participate in a program called “Hope and Friends Backpack Food Program” on weekends. You may be familiar with this program if your child(ren) participates in elementary or middle school. Your child can receive a bag to take home from Power House filled with nutritious food and snacks for the weekend.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS PROGRAM AND NO FOOD COST TO POWER HOUSE. ALL COSTS ARE PAID BY **HOPE AND FRIENDS BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM** in cooperation with community organizations, personal donations, and business donations! **The program targets students who would benefit from nutritious meals and might not otherwise have access to them. We hope it will also enhance learning on Monday mornings when kids might arrive at school on an empty stomach.** You may sign up or withdraw from the program at any time.

We need your permission for your child to participate. Please sign the enclosed permission form(s) and return the form(s) to the Power House Youth Center Also, please talk to your child about this program so he or she will understand why they are bringing home a bag of food. Feel free to contact us with any questions about the program.

Sincerely;

Lanita Stutzman, Executive Director
Power House Youth Center

Don Bartig, Backpack Program Coordinator
715-532-3303 cell- 715-415-3265

_____ *Yes, I would like my child/children to participate in the High School backpack food program.*

(PLEASE PRINT)

Child’s Name: _____ Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

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Disclaimer relative to food allergies: Please note: If your child has a food allergy, it is **your responsibility** to screen donated food items to make sure they are safe for your child to eat. In a program this size, we cannot monitor every food product against possible allergens. (Peanut butter, nuts, etc. may be included in the packs.) If you have any concerns regarding this, perhaps it would be best for your child not to participate or for you to be present on distribution days to check the backpack before it goes home.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please print: _____

Please return to POWER HOUSE YOUTH CENTER office as soon as possible