

Backpacks For Food

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Statement of Limited Liability

Based on national, state and local research, a determination has been made that limited food purchasing power of low income households contributes to hunger, malnutrition and has a significant negative influence on the educational accomplishments of affected students. In an effort to help improve access to food, Backpacks For Food (BFF) was established in 2014 as a charitable mission of the Cornwall Presbyterian Church. BFF is a fully volunteer operation with no requirements for religious affiliation by volunteers or participants. In an effort to supplement other Federal and State food assistance programs, BFF provides food for weekend meals for students in the Cornwall Central School District in Grades K-12 who qualify for free and reduced price school lunches.

Food is obtained through donations from citizens in the community, via the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, or purchased from local supermarkets and "big box" retailers. The majority of the distributed food is prepackaged at a production and packaging facility, although an attempt is made to include suitable fresh produce when it is available. None of the distributed food is prepared by the church, BFF personnel, local citizens or local businesses. Every effort is made to ensure that food products containing, or manufactured in a facility that processes nuts are not distributed by BFF; however, no absolute guarantee can be made past the information indicated on the product's label.

It is understood that any person or civic, charitable or church organization, who, in good faith, donates food to a charitable or religious organization for free distribution to needy individuals shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability arising from the condition of such food, if the donor reasonably inspects the food at the time of donation and the food is found to be fit for human consumption. Food packages and fresh food are further inspected at the time of distribution by volunteers working with BFF.

The names of students receiving BFF services are only available to school personnel. Student participants who will be receiving BFF food, or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or any of their representatives are expected to notify appropriate school building personnel of any and all food allergies prior to receiving any food from BFF. Those school personnel will inform the BFF volunteer in charge of packing the food bags, of the number of students and the type of food allergies for their school, in order that a specially marked bag of food can be packed for each of those students.

BFF personnel are held harmless against any and all claims, suits or actions of any kind for liability, damages, compensation or otherwise, brought by a student, their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or any of their representatives. BFF personnel are not responsible for errors, omissions, acts or failure to act in the handling and distribution of foods.

Receipt of food through the BFF program is entirely voluntary. By electing to receive food from BFF, a student or parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or any of their representatives, acknowledge having read this statement and agree to the terms of this Waiver and Release of Liability, thereby waiving any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind arising out of participation in the BFF program..