March 20, 2020:
The work of FOCP could not be done without the help of volunteers like you, particularly in preparing in weekly food packs for over 1,050 area students.

With the current COVID-19 situation, we are taking proactive steps to maintain a safe workplace and we will continue to encourage and enforce practices that protect the health of our staff and volunteers.

We are limiting our volunteer packing sessions to 6 people at a time and have arranged workspaces to allow for recommended social distance space. At this time, we ask that volunteers are age 16 and older and we encourage vulnerable populations to use their best judgement and refrain from volunteering during this time.

In addition, we encourage our volunteers and staff to follow these practices to reduce the spread of communicable diseases:

- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes. If you do, wash your hands immediately afterward.
- Cough and sneeze into the crook of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Hold each other accountable to these prevention measures.

Do not volunteer at FOCP if you are experiencing respiratory symptoms such as fever, sore throat, body aches, chills or fatigue. Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that individuals remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degrees F) or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

If volunteering at FOCP, please wash hands at beginning and end of your volunteer session. Handwashing supplies are located in the two public restrooms at FOCP. Volunteers will wear gloves while packing food.

FOCP will sanitize packing area surfaces, door handles, carts and other high-contact items at BackPack Central warehouse before and after each volunteer packing session. Working together, we can continue to feed over 1,050 area youth each weekend.

Thank you for your support.