

POWER PACKS POST

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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER! *ALMOST*

Can you believe it? Another school year draws to a close. We are already meal planning for our 8 week summer distribution and getting excited for upcoming events like our Stay at Home Gala! Here is to an awesome summer ending food insecurity in our backyard!

WE ARE HIRING!

You might have seen on our social media that we are hiring! We have one position open right now: a full-time Lebanon Coordinator. If you're interested, visit the careers tab on our website:

www.powerpacksproject.org/careers



ADDRESS FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our address is:

1915 Olde Homestead Lane
Suite 102
Lancaster, PA 17601

Thank you!



NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” – Sherry Anderson

April was National Volunteer Month and at Power Packs we celebrated with our priceless volunteers. The level of gratitude we have for each of our amazing volunteers goes well beyond a thank you or a celebratory lunch. I am inspired by our volunteers each day as they selflessly give of themselves. Some have been volunteering with Power Packs for years, some are new, some come once or twice a year, and some give us their time and talents a couple times a week. No matter how often they volunteer, there is one familiar refrain from them; they do it for the kids.

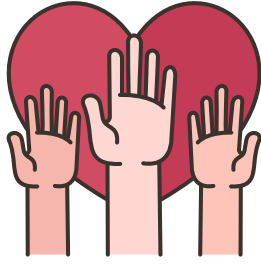
Volunteers truly are the lifeblood of Power Packs. We could not do what we do without them. When I tell people Power Packs is a staff of six, and we distributed more than 400,000 meals last year, they are astounded. It is only with the hard work and dedication of our awesome volunteers that any food gets out the door.

Our volunteers fill a variety of roles. They help package the food, deliver and coordinate distributions, help with administrative work, and serve on our Board and various committees. All play a vital role in the mission of Power Packs.

Together, with the dedication of our remarkable volunteers, we are making a positive impact on the lives in children in our communities. So, one last big THANK YOU to our volunteers for making it all possible!

Brad Peterson, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Peterson".



APRIL VOLUNTEER MONTH APPRECIATION EVENT!

We love our volunteers! They are the lifeblood of our organization and we could not complete our mission of feeding students and empowering families without them! Each week, volunteers are in our warehouse packing the Power Pack boxes, sorting the produce and milk, and making sure each ingredient and pantry staple item is perfectly organized for all distribution points. They're driving the packs to the distribution points and helping with distribution. They're in the office, doing vital administrative work. Everything we do is supported by volunteers. So what better time to celebrate them than April, National Volunteer Month! On Tuesday, April 19th, we hosted a breakfast and luncheon for our volunteers. We grilled out and joined together to love on the men and women who keep our organization moving! We plan to make this an annual event. We nominated a Volunteer of the Year, Terry Yoder, who has consistently given his time and dedication to our cause for a long time. Terry drives several times back and forth from our Lancaster HQ to our Lebanon warehouse each week to make sure we're serving both counties to the best of our ability! He's in our Lancaster warehouse during distributions, he's loading coolers with milk and counting boxes, there isn't anything Terry hasn't helped with. Thank you, Terry, and thank you to all our amazing volunteers! Please enjoy some pictures from the event!



TERRY YODER - OUR
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!



12TH ANNUAL STAY AT HOME GALA

This Saturday, May 14th, is Power Pack Project's 12th annual Stay At Home Gala. (We were doing virtual events before it was trendy!)

Our favorite event of the year is one that involves the heart of our mission: a family meal. Instead of throwing a party, we want our community to gather together in their own homes. During our global pandemic recovery, Power Packs is still serving our families. Our numbers have grown, food shortages and supply chain issues worsen, and the challenges are stacked against us.

But every week, we make it our critical mission to put food in the hands of local students and their families. No matter what!

The SAHG means on May 14th, we invite you to make it a point to raise awareness about our program. No Ubers, no babysitters, no expensive outfits - just you and your family eating a meal together and thinking about our mission: to empower families with education and ingredients to create nutritious weekend meals, so their children return to school fed and ready to learn!

As we recover from a global pandemic, these children need us more than ever. We invite you to spread this event to your community! Use the hashtag #SAHG2022 on social media and join the party!

The event is imaginary, but the need is real.

RSVP: powerpacksproject.org/sahg



Power Packs Volunteers - we want to celebrate you!

If you'd like to, please email Jeannie
Jeannie@powerpacksproject.org
and opt in to be spotlighted in upcoming
newsletters when it is your birthday! Don't
worry, only months and days will be printed! We'd love to spotlight our volunteers and
celebrate your birthdays!

Only those who opt-in will be featured, so it's up to you!

VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS

WEEUSABLES RECAP



Thank you to all who attended the 2022 WeeUsables Consignment Event! It was a smashing success, as usual, and we are so thankful to community partners like WeeUsables. We received a check for over \$4,400 from their event and that will go to great use, feeding our students and their families! Thank you, WeeUsables!

SUMMER ENROLLMENT!

It's that time again! Our 8 week Summer Program begins on Wednesday, June 22nd and runs through Wednesday, August 10th. All who wish to participate in the Summer Program must enroll through our website (or scan the QR code on the right), regardless of whether they participated in the normal School Year Program.



Thank you for reading! Find more pictures on our social media pages and look for our next edition in the next Quarter!