

Here's the latest news about how Power Packs is changing lives, one meal at a time.

Continuing Community Impact



The Launch of Lebanon Power Packs



Special thanks to ourkey Lebanon Power Packs sponsors, Yocum & Company and G.F. Bowman, whose generous gifts are helping us build hunger awareness to Lebanon.



Thanks also to our additional Lebanon sponsors.



May 19th marked the official launch of the Power Packs Project in Lebanon County! As we took the large step of expanding outside of our founding county, we are most grateful to our Lebanon partners and the community for embracing us with such incredible warmth and gusto!

With poverty rates in Lebanon at 11%, Power Packs recognized that the need for a program providing healthy food and nutrition education was crucial. In its dedication to providing families with access to healthier food choices, easy recipes, and money saving strategies, Power Packs has spent the last year working with dedicated sponsors and partners to ensure that every child in need will be well-nourished as they go to school, ready to learn.

Meet A Power Packs Family



Lisa Owens first got involved with the Power Packs Project when she was a resident in the Good Samaritan Shelter. However, as the employees of the shelter started to notice her drive and potential, Lisa was given more and more responsibilities until, finally, she was offered a position as House Manager. Once a recipient of the packs, Lisa now found herself picking them up on behalf of the shelter each week. Lisa describes her experience as House Manager of the Good Samaritan Shelter as "life-changing spiritually, mentally, and physically."

By receiving assistance from Power Packs, Lisa has learned about the value of support and collaboration, especially for those who have already lost or soon expect to lose their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. Lisa also shared her gratitude for being provided with fresh produce and filling meals. She says that even though her seven-year-old son, Malachai, is growing and eating more, with help from Power Packs, and she does not have to worry about having enough food.

Lisa's most memorable experience with the Power Packs Project was meeting the distributors for the first time. She found Stephanie Weber, the head volunteer of Power Packs' Ehprata Affiliate, to be down-to-earth and genuinely caring, treating Lisa and her son as whole people rather than just mouths to feed.

When we asked Lisa to describe the Power Packs Project in one word. She chose "Amazing." Thank you, Lisa! We think you're pretty amazing as well.

Our Continued Growth!

Power Pack participation has grown 40% during the 2016-17 school year. As government support has cut back on SNAP benefits (food stamps), the need for PowerPacks has become even greater. We believe by providing our families with moneysaving strategies, tips, and low cost recipes, we help them depend less on government subsidies. Our increasing enrollment shows that our families agree.

We currently serve

- 1,900 families every week while school is in session
- 400 over the summer
- 800,000 meals annually
- in over 70 sites

It is our volunteers and supporters that make all of this possible. Thank you so much to all of you for your dedication to the families in our community!



Mark Your Calendars for Auntie Anne's Golf Tournament



To further support Power Packs, consider volunteering at or participating in the 22nd annual Auntie Anne's C.A.R.E.S Charity Golf Tournament! We are delighted to announce that Power Packs is the official beneficiary of the

The event, held July 21st, is sure to be filled with fun and excitement!

For more information about the tournament or to register for it, please visit the link on the right!

[Sign Up Today!](#)

Stay At Home Gala 2016



When she founded the Power Packs Project in 2005, Joan Espenshade thought it was unfitting to spend money on an event serving plated hors d'oeuvres when the mission of her non-profit is to serve hungry children. From this astute realization came the Stay At Home Gala, Power Packs' annual fundraising benefit.

Unlike most charitable benefits, the Stay At Home Gala is an event you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home and with the warm company of your family and friends. Power Packs invites its supporters to use the money that would have been spent on a new dress or rental tux, a babysitter for the kids, and a gourmet meal to help food insecure families survive another weekend free of hunger.

It should be noted that 100% of donations to the Stay at Home go directly to providing food and education for Power Packs families.

We are so proud of the money raised this year and only have our donors to thank!

Serving More Than Ever this Summer



Adopt a family this Summer!

Research shows that grocery prices increase over \$300 monthly over the summer. That, in addition to not having access to school breakfast or lunch, makes summertime stressful for families that already struggle to stretch their limited food dollars.

Working with the Hunger Free Coalition, we can guarantee that a child never has to worry about being hungry over the summer.

With a one-time donation of \$50, you can feed a family for the full eight weeks of Summer vacation! We are still seeking 50 more supporters to adopt a family this summer. Visit the link below to sign up!

Donate Today!



If you are affiliated with a business or company searching for volunteer opportunities, we would love for you to consider becoming part of Power Packs!

Power Packs offers a wide array of options for members of the community to dedicate themselves to our mission of empowering and feeding families.

For more information, please follow the link below or email operations@powerpacksproject.org with specific questions about volunteering!

Volunteer Now!

The staff at Power Packs Project Headquarters has recently undergone some changes! If you come into the office, you might run into...

- **Joyce Stephens: Distribution Coordinator**
- **Medoza Ameen - Administrative Assistant**
- **Lee Scarilia - Intern**
- **Sebastian - Intern**

We look forward to growing with these new teammates and utilizing their unique gifts to further the Power Packs mission!



Power Packs Project is seeking a highly motivated person to become a part of our organization. For more details on the positions and to apply, please visit the following links.

[Lebanon Program Director](#)

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Empowering families...feeding children

