

Touching the Lives of So Many!

Dear friends,

As we come to the end of 2017 and into the holiday season, I wanted to take time to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. I am in awe and humbled by your most generous support.

We often say that Power Packs is owned by no one person or entity, but is a program that is of the community and for the community. That has always remained true. You, as a member of this community, have supported Power Packs with your time, donations, and energy. It is you who has created the success of Power Packs. It is the families we serve who cook and provide the meal experience for their children.

We experienced a year of great transition and growth. Even with the difficult transitions, we kept our promise to ensure that every family in need was served and that every child went to school nourished and ready to learn. Our ongoing goal has always been to keep our overhead low while steadily increasing our service. You have made this possible by donating time, resources, and talent in support of our mission.

This year,

- we continued into Lebanon county serving three more families than last year
- we reached 40% more families in more than 70 sites, while still returning close to 90% of your donation to programs this past school year
- we had more attendees at our "Stay At Home Gala" than ever before and raised \$25,000
- we were humbled by your support as we came in 6th out of 468 other fine organizations during The Extraordinary Give, raising close to \$90,000 with 199 new donors to Power Packs
- along with corporate donors, local business support, churches, and civic groups, we worked together to provide close to 900,000 meals to families experiencing food insecurity

While staying true to our mission of providing nutritious meals is very important to us, we also recognize that our families have additional needs. We have never neglected those needs and continue to work with other organizations to ensure that we indirectly provide a holistic approach of support while still focusing on what we do best, providing nutritious meals and recipes every week.

While many recipe-focused home delivery services are popping up all around us, our founder, Joan Espenshade, had the foresight to develop a recipe-focused program for families that were undeserved. This holiday season, I remain most grateful to her and all of you for bringing Power Packs to the homes of so many in need.

Warmly yours,
Kim McDevitt
Executive Director

Special thanks to our incredibly dedicated Board of Directors

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more about the
additional ways
Power Packs is
helping families!

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More?

Power Packs Ornaments on Sale at Building Character

This December, Building Character is helping spread the message and mission of Power Packs Project by transforming our logo into a Christmas tree ornament! They will be selling sparkling red Power Packs backpacks and giving 100% of the proceeds back to the organization. so that we may

continue to fight food insecurity in Lancaster and Lebanon.

These glittering gifts are sure to make a great stocking stuffer for anyone who is passionate about Power Packs Project, such as teachers and Power Packs volunteers. Even those who have never heard about Power Packs will be delighted in knowing that a gift purchased on their behalf is helping feed hungry children in our community.

You can find the Power Packs ornaments at Building Character, located on 342 N Queen St, Lancaster PA 17603. The wooden ornaments cost \$8.95 a piece.



Community Conversations on Hunger



What does Power Packs Project mean to our children? These children from Ross Elementary in Lancaster City talk about #WhyPowerPacks in their own words and by drawing from their personal experience with hunger and food insecurity.



Click above to listen to WGAL Reporter Meredith Jorgenson, Chelsy Valasco, the owner of CJoy Wellness, and former Senator Mike Brubaker speak about the impact and importance of Power Packs Project. Thank you to these influencers for sharing the message of Power Packs. Find out more about these conversations by clicking the button below!

[More Community Conversations](#)

Happy Holidays from All of Us!





How To Continue Your Support To Power Packs

If you have not do so already please consider giving a year end donation, joining us on social media, volunteering, or signing up for our newsletter.

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