

Class Projects

Bag for Break

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The group, Bag for Break, was created because we wanted to make a difference for future generations in Shelby County. Spring break for most students means a sunny vacation or at the very least some much needed rest and relaxation at home. However, hunger does not get a “spring break”.

Bag for Break identified that some students attending Shelby County and Shelbyville schools would not have the opportunity to receive breakfast or lunch during their break as it is normally provided by the schools. More than one in five Shelby County students is food insecure. In an effort to supplement meals needed by these students, Bag for Break was organized and implemented. Funding was provided through the Leadership Shelby County program; however, when we projected our program and how many students we wanted to reach, we decided we needed additional funds to have the desired impact. Guidance counselors in the five independent school districts and St. Joseph Catholic School identified the students in need. With help from Indiana Grand Racing and Casino, Clif Bars, NSG Group, Huntsman Spray Foam Insulation, Mickey's T-Mart, First Merchants Bank, OmniSource and NSCI as well as friends, family and co-workers, the project exceeded our expectations of serving 120 students. We were able to provide 216 students with supplemental meals over their 2017 spring break.



All bags were delivered to the schools and distributed to students by their guidance counselors to maintain confidentiality. The bags were delivered three days prior to each school district's release with the non-perishable items for spring break.

When each Leadership Shelby County participant applied to participate in the program, we identified our areas of passion. While this project made an impact on the community, it also made an impact on the individuals on our Bag for Break team. Our team came together as strangers in September and have built relationships that will help us as future leaders.

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