



## Northwest Oregon Advisory Board

In Northwest Oregon, nearly 40,000 elementary-school students children live in food-insecure homes. Many of these kids benefit from the federal free and reduced-price meal programs at school, but what happens when school closes its doors on Friday? Who will feed the kids this weekend?

We will! Blessings in a Backpack ensures kids leave school on Fridays throughout the school year with a bag of satisfying and nutritious food in their backpacks. The food keeps hunger at bay, so kids can return to school on Monday morning feeling nourished and ready to learn.

Currently, in Northwest Oregon, Blessings in a Backpack is ensuring more than 2,000 students leave school on Friday with a bag of weekend food in their backpacks. But this is just a starting point. With more than 40,000 hungry children in the area, we need to do more.

Blessings in a Backpack is launching the Northwest Oregon chapter of Blessings in a Backpack. This chapter, in partnership with the national organization and under the direction of a regional advisory board and a managing director, will drive scalable growth to feed 3,000 children on the weekends throughout the school year by 2023!

To help drive this substantial growth, the Advisory Board will provide fundraising and programmatic support for the chapter. Board members will provide mission-based leadership and serve as active ambassadors for Blessings in the community. Board members will perform a variety of tasks, such as, but not limited to:

- Attend monthly meetings and show commitment to board activities.
- Serve as an active ambassador of Blessings within the community by representing and promoting our mission.
- Assume leadership roles in all board activities, including fundraising, membership, and sponsorship.

**REQUIREMENTS:** All board members financially support the chapter on an annual basis via membership dues and help raise a defined amount towards the board's yearly fundraising goal. Amount to be determined by the inaugural board. Serve a three-year term.

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