FEED THE KIDS COLUMBUS

2024-2025 Annual Report

Our Story

Feed The Kids Columbus began with a simple but urgent realization: many children rely on free and reduced school meals, and when schools close for extended breaks, consistent nutrition can disappear. What started as a grassroots effort to help bridge that gap quickly revealed an even deeper need.

As we partnered more closely with schools, we learned that hunger doesn't only happen during breaks, it shows up quietly during the school day. From that discovery, our in-classroom Snack Program was born, providing teachers with ready-to-eat snacks to support students who may have missed breakfast, are struggling to focus, or need food to get through the day. What began in Ashley Kanney's garage serving 97 students now supports more than 11,500 children across 34 schools in Greater Columbus.

Our Mission

Ensure food insecure children in Central Ohio have access to nutritional meals and snacks so they are able to learn and grow.

Our Programs

24-25 Impact

11.5K children served

34 partner schools

2M+ food items distributed

10K+ volunteer hours

Snack Program

Monthly classroom & take-home snacks for supporting classroom learning, focus & growth!

Extended Break Meals

Five-days of child-friendly, easy to prepare meals & snacks for extended school breaks.

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The FTKC Difference

Because no child should be hungry

> "I use the snack bags all the time to help students who are dysregulated. It helps them get to a place where we can have a productive conversation. I think many times their behaviors come from unmet physiological needs (hunger, safety, sleep, etc)."
>
> Partner School Principal

Removing Barriers For Reliable Kid-Focused Foods

We are passionate about making it easy for food insecure children to get nourishing, kid-centric foods at school where they can learn and grow.

- **No Sign Ups:** support without the paperwork
- **School-Led:** partnering with schools that know their students' needs best
- **Kid Friendly Food:** ready-to-eat, shelf-stable food children enjoy
- **Efficient Stewardship:** 96% of all donations go directly to feeding kids

A Note From Our Founder

This year, Feed The Kids Columbus grew from serving 8,600 to over 10,500 students, moved into our first long-term warehouse, and welcomed our first employee to help scale our work. As we look ahead to serving more than 12,000 students—with new partner schools and a pilot program supporting student athletes—we're reminded that nourished kids learn, grow, and thrive. None of this is possible without our incredible community, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

In Kindness, Ashley

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