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## Press Release

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### ACCESS seeks community support to feed 882 children this school year

**Medford, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** As Jackson County’s Community Action Agency and Regional Food Bank, ACCESS is leading the charge to help feed those struggling with hunger in our community. The ACCESS Rogue Powerpack Program aims to address childhood hunger by providing food over the weekend to children in need throughout the school year.

This Hunger Action Month, ACCESS is asking our community to take action against hunger by supporting the Rogue Powerpack Program. Last year, the Rogue Powerpack Program served 827 local elementary-aged children in 30 schools, providing 120,000 meals over the weekends during the school year. This year, ACCESS is seeking community support to feed an additional 55 children in the program. “Our goal this year is to provide weekend meals and snacks to 882 children, and we need the community’s support to make that become a reality”, says ACCESS Food Programs Director Dana Daniels.

A parent of children in the program says, “The food program has helped my family in tremendous ways. Groceries are not cheap, and this program has been a blessing.” Because it costs \$9 per weekend per child, any donation, big or small, can truly make a difference for a child experiencing food insecurity. “Our community never hesitates to step up with generosity, especially when it means ensuring children have the food they need. We are deeply grateful for the compassion and commitment shown to our neighbors.,” says Daniels.

ACCESS encourages you to take action against childhood hunger in Jackson County by:

- **Visiting the ACCESS website to give:** [www.accesshelps.org/feedkids](http://www.accesshelps.org/feedkids)
- **Donating food or funds at Sherm’s Food 4 Less and Thunderbird Market:** As long-time supporters of Hunger Action Month, Sherm’s Markets have opportunities for shoppers to purchase Rogue Powerpack bags of food to donate or the option to donate funds at the register.

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ACCESS provides food, warmth, shelter, and other essential services to Jackson County's low-income children, families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. As the Community Action Agency of Jackson County, Oregon, ACCESS has been helping residents break the cycle of poverty since 1976. Last year, tens of thousands of people received assistance from ACCESS's broad continuum of services, including obtaining safe, affordable housing, rental assistance, utility assistance, weatherization, free loaned durable medical equipment, and healthy food.

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