



WEEKEND WHEELS

A food distribution program for students in need in Windsor



HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Weekend Wheels (WW) distributes supplemental food to elementary school and middle school children throughout the school year. Many of the students who receive free or reduced school meals during the week do not receive sufficient nutrition on the weekends. This program was created to help fill that void.

WW provides eligible Windsor students with a variety of food choices keeping them nutritiously satisfied through the weekend and ready to focus and learn in school. A weekly distribution includes shelf milk, juice, breakfast items, lunch items, items to add to the family meals, canned fruit and vegetables, school snack bag and fresh produce and bread items.

Each Thursday or Friday our participants take home the food filled backpack or drawstring bag and on Mondays they are returned to schools to be packed again during the week for the next distribution.

Program distributions take place through the following Windsor elementary schools:

- Clover Street School
- John F. Kennedy School
- Oliver Ellsworth School
- Poquonock School
- Sage Park Middle School
- Homeschooled households



WEEKEND WHEELS FACTS

Since our program began in 2013 and by school year end in June 2020 we will have distributed:
17,000+ food filled backpacks/drawstring bags

Which brought to our families 155,000+ = pounds of food which equates to 129,000+ meals

**Weekend Wheels - Helping to solve hunger issues,
one backpack – one drawstring bag at a time.**

A COLLABERATIVE EFFORT

The WW Committee is made up of a group of very dedicated volunteers including but not limited to retired teachers, school social workers, administrators, Windsor Woman's Club members, Windsor Kiwanis Club members, representatives from Foodshare and Windsor Food and Fuel Bank and concerned residents. Meeting the nutritional needs of our children and their families is very important to all of us.

Each week our team of volunteers delivers food to the schools and fills our backpacks and drawstring bags. We work very closely with the schools' Family Resource Center Coordinators who distribute the backpacks and drawstring bags to our participants to take home for the weekend.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

If you would like your child to participate in the program, you can sign up at the Windsor Food Bank office thru the Social Services Dept. at 599 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor or call 860-285-1839.

OR

If your child is approved for Free or Reduced Meals through the Windsor Food Service, he or she automatically qualifies. Please contact the Family Resource Center Coordinator at your child's school for an expedited program sign up.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

This program is funded solely by local donations and grants received.

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.

A \$20.00 donation can fill a backpack with food for an entire month.

Monetary Donations can be mailed to:

Weekend Wheels, P.O. Box 854, Windsor, CT 06095

Or online at: <http://windsorfoodbank.org/services/ourprograms/weekendwheels/>