



STATE FFA HELPS FEED THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS

West Virginia FFA fundraiser and event feeds hungry children in four states.

Gassaway – July 19, 2017— Hundreds of Future Farmers of America (FFA) members and volunteers participated in a food packing event to benefit the School Backpack Programs at Mountaineer Food Bank (MFB) and Facing Hunger Foodbank (FHFB).

The West Virginia FFA raised \$6,500 to fund the event which took place at the 89th State FFA Convention at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. The food purchased by the organization was packed in plastic bags and donated to MFB and FHFB.

“Our WV FFA State Officers and members continually amaze me. They made this happen today,” said West Virginia FFA advisor Jason Hughes. “The FFA is truly producing the next generation of servant leaders. Anyone concerned about the future of our world should’ve witnessed the energy and generosity at this event.”

This is the second year the FFA has supported the School Backpack Programs through fundraising and volunteerism. More than 1,300 food packages will be distributed to children throughout West Virginia.

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About Mountaineer Food Bank

Mountaineer Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) non-profit hunger relief organization that serves 48 counties in West Virginia. Our network consists of over 600 feeding programs including soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, senior programs and Backpack Program. To learn more about Mountaineer Food Bank, visit our website at www.mountaineerfoodbank.org.

About Facing Hunger Foodbank

Facing Hunger Foodbank is a private, non-profit, charitable organization founded in 1983 and is incorporated in West Virginia. Formerly known as the Huntington Area Food Bank, the foodbank initially served Cabell and Wayne Counties. The need was so great across the region that the foodbank expanded its service area after just its first year of operation. The foodbank’s service area currently includes 220 agencies across 17 counties in West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southeastern Ohio. To learn more about Facing Hunger Food Bank, visit our website at <http://www.facinghunger.org>.