

Winter months are an especially difficult time for families facing food insecurity. Snow storms can leave children without school-provided lunches and make it difficult for parents to get to work to be able to pay for necessities. Hoosier families are no exception.

Knowing this, Meijer, **Campbell's** and the **Indianapolis Colts** joined forces with **Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana** earlier this month to pack 900 "Backsack" meals for children in need of food outside of school hours.

Students from **St. Michael St. Gabriel Archangels School** also joined the effort, giving their time to support other children in need by packing the "backsacks" alongside Indianapolis Colts cheerleaders and mascot, **Blue**, as well as Meijer and Campbell's team members.

The volunteers filled these "Backsacks" with kid-favorite calorie-rich foods like protein bars, canned pasta and pudding cups.

"Gleaners estimates that more than 46,000 children are food insecure in Marion County alone," said **Maureen Mitchell, Meijer Central Region Vice President**, to volunteers at the Feb. 3 event. "We are pleased to be supporting those children today with your help."

Campbell's also donated 6,000 cans of SpaghettiOs to the food bank at the event.

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