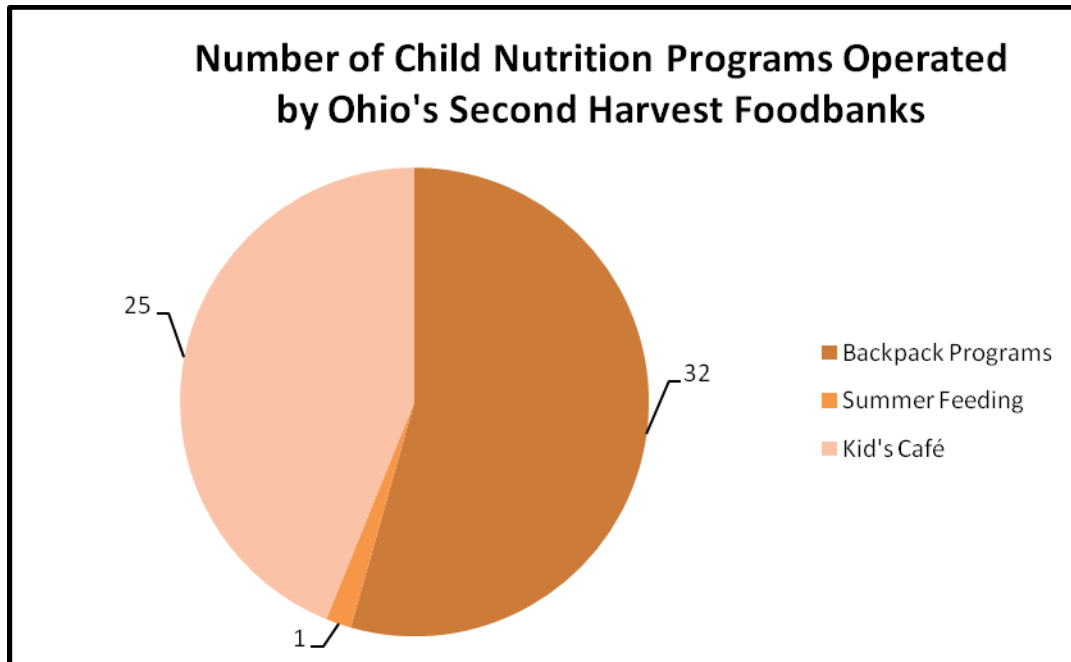


Survey of Child Nutrition Programs at Ohio's Second Harvest Food Banks

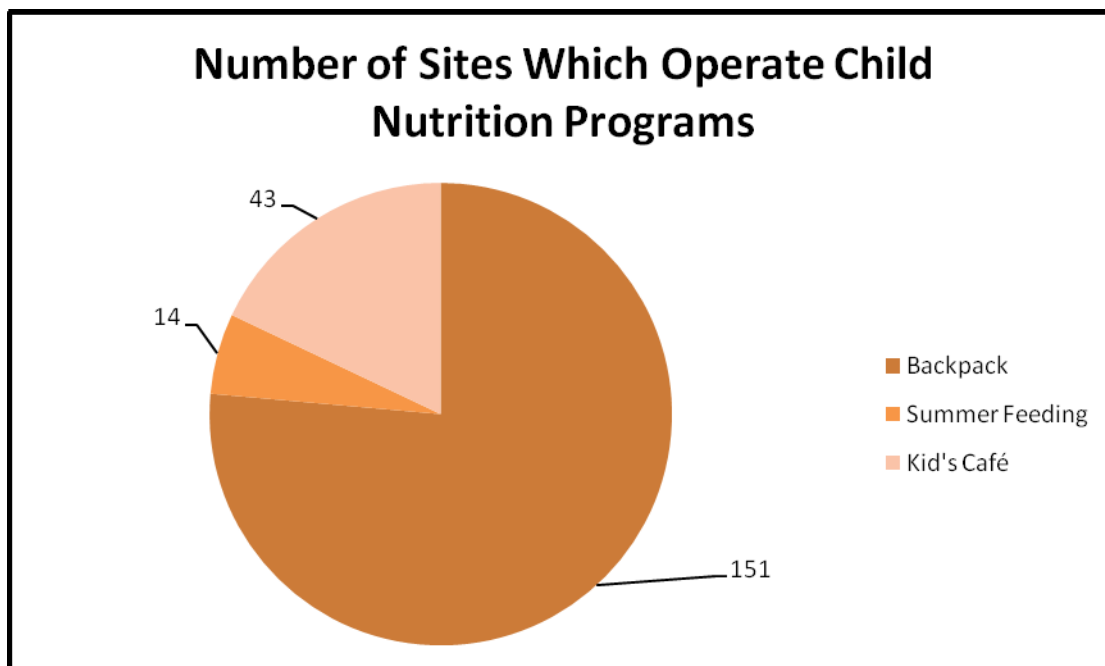
1. How many child nutrition programs do the member Foodbanks operate?

Statewide Ohio's Second Harvest Food Banks operate a total of 58 Backpack, Summer Feeding, and Kids Café programs. (Definitions of programs on final page.)



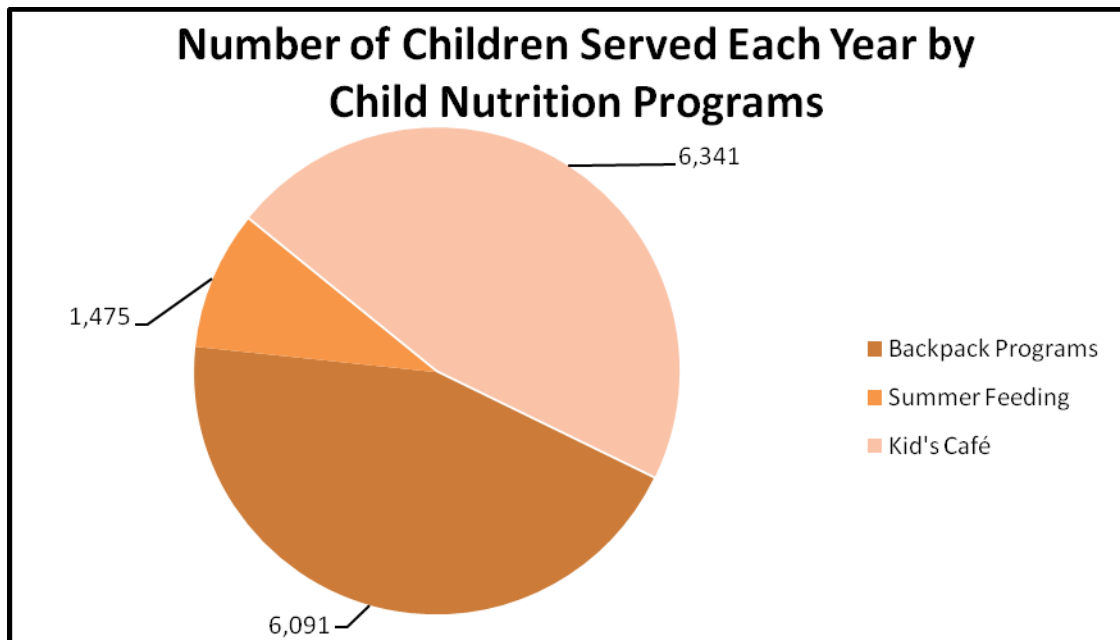
2. How many sites in your Food Bank service area operate the above programs?

Ohio's Second Harvest Food Banks operate Backpack, Summer Feeding and Kids Café programs at 208 sites.



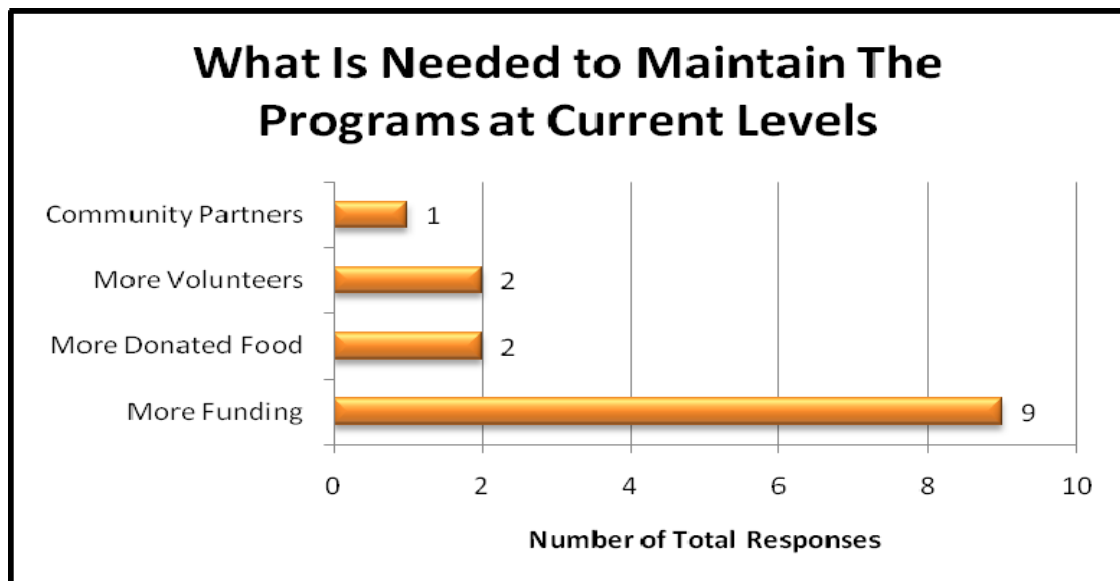
3. How many children do you serve with these programs every year?

Ohio's Second Harvest Food Banks serve over 14,000 children in their Child Nutrition Programs.



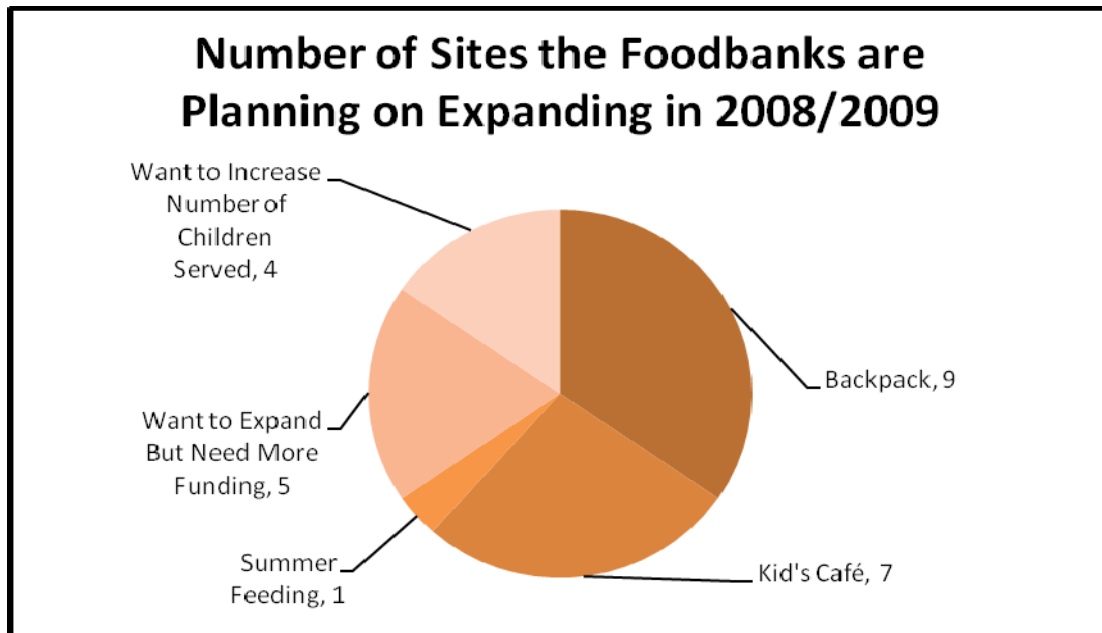
4. What does your foodbank need to be able to maintain these programs at their current level of participation?

All foodbanks identified more funding to maintain programs at their current levels.



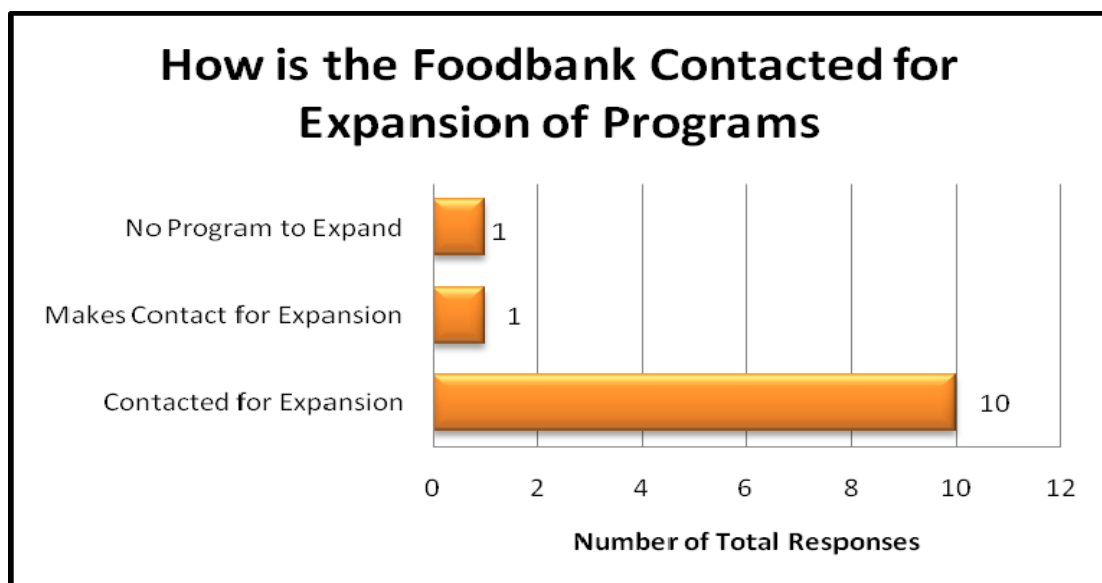
5. How many sites you are planning on expanding in 2008/2009?

Some food banks are planning to expand their programs by adding new sites (17 in 2008/2009) or meeting increased demand by serving more children at existing sites.



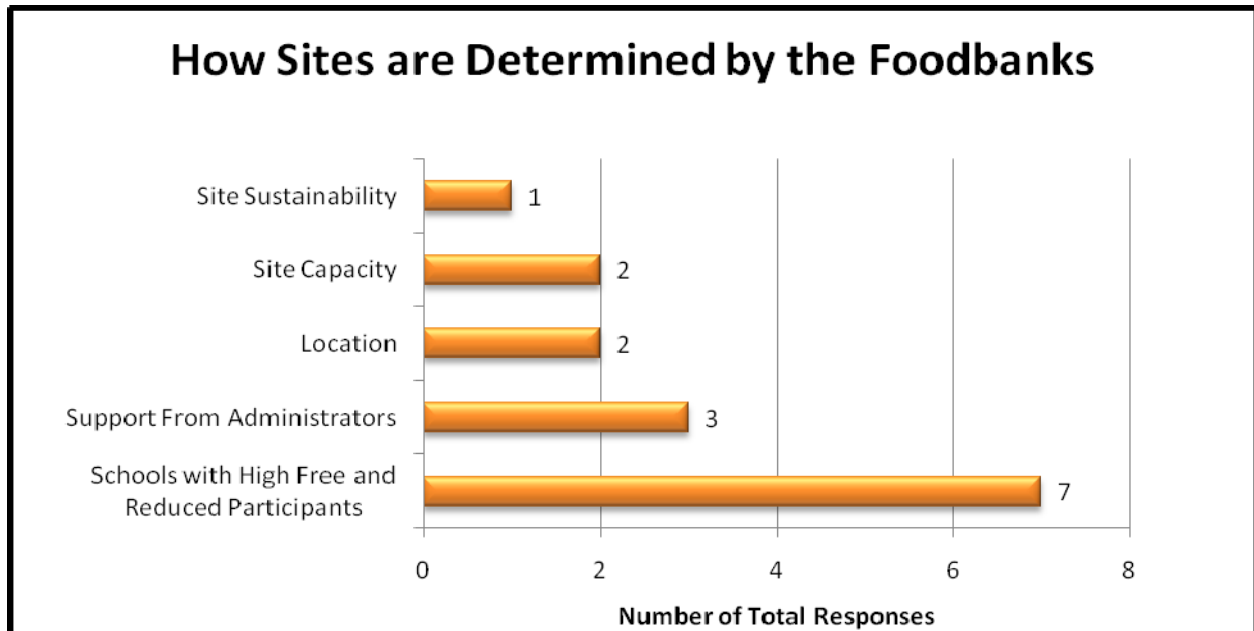
6. Has the food bank requested an expansion of these programs? How was the food bank contacted to expand these programs?

Many food banks do not keep waiting lists, although they report they are regularly contacted regarding expansion. Of the food banks that do keep waiting lists an estimated 2,000 more children who could be served each year if expansion of their current programs were funded.



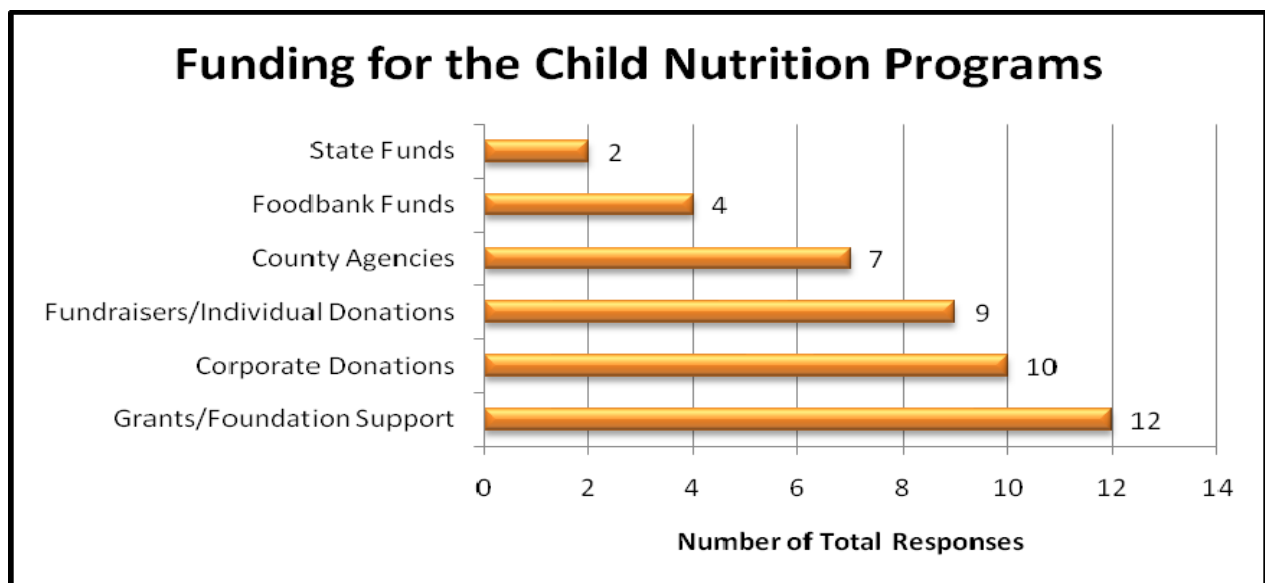
8. How do you determine where to create a Backpack/Kid's Café site?

Food banks determine where to create a site based on several criteria including free and reduced lunch participation, location of site, and support from administrators.



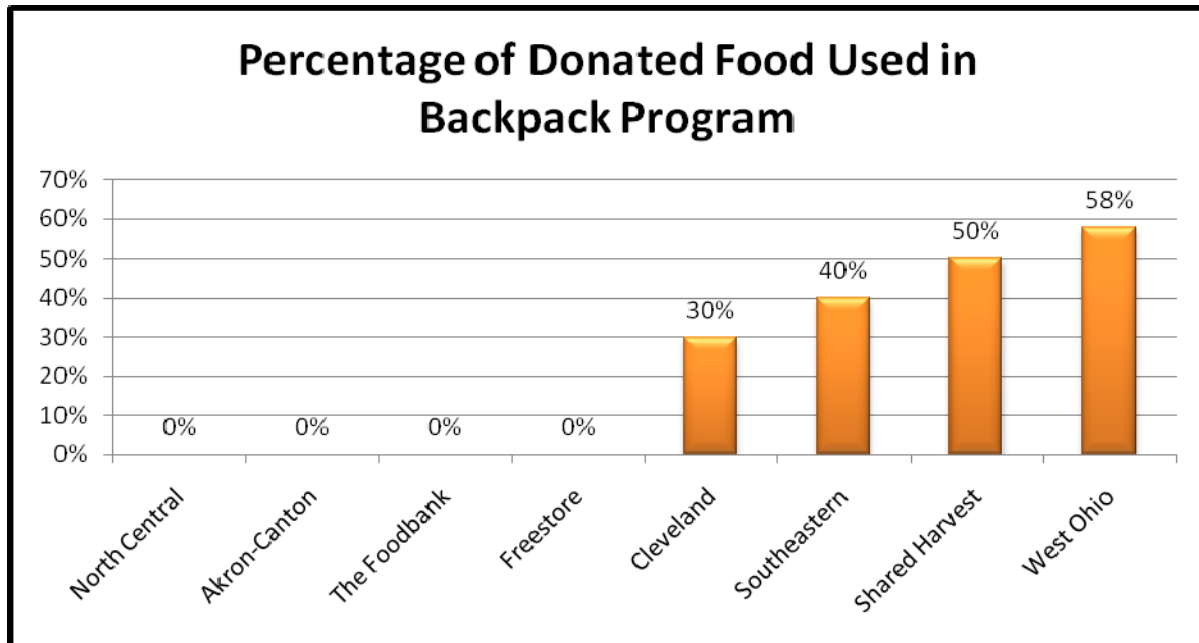
9. How are you funding the Child Nutrition Programs?

Most of the funding for these programs comes from a combination of private grants, individual and corporate donations, and/or state and county support.



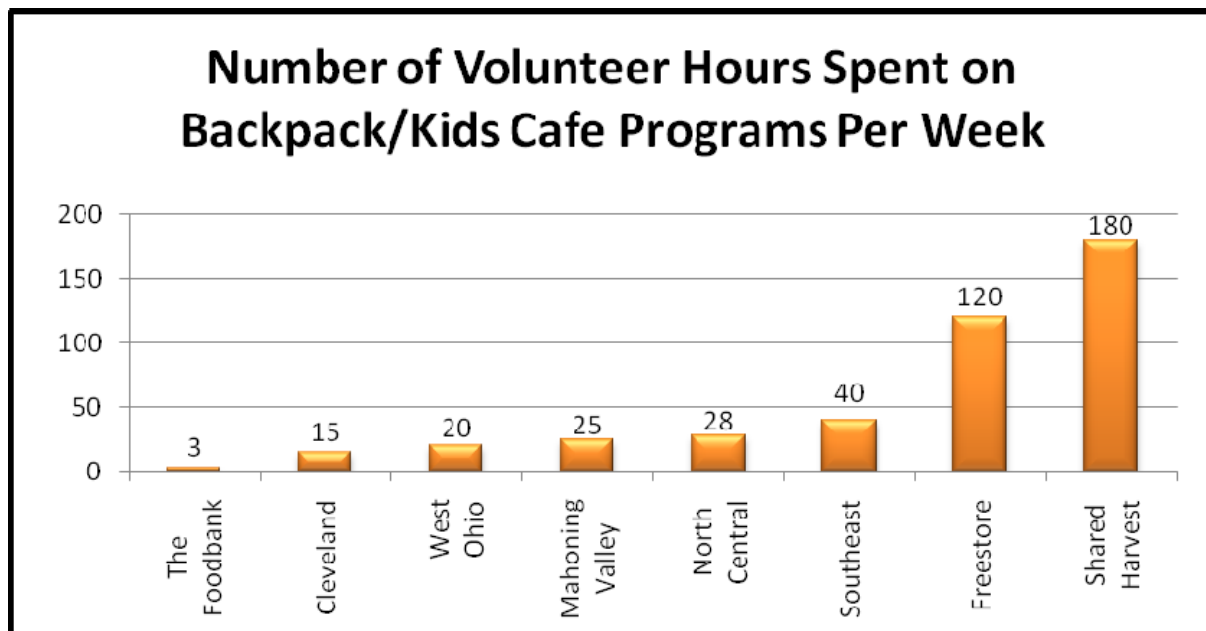
10. What percentage of food used in your Backpack Program is donated?

The percentage of food donated to the backpack program ranges from 0% to over 50%. The amount of donated food used in the Backpack program is limited by its nutritional quality and child-friendliness. The equivalent dollar amount of the donated food ranges from \$10,000 to \$30,000.



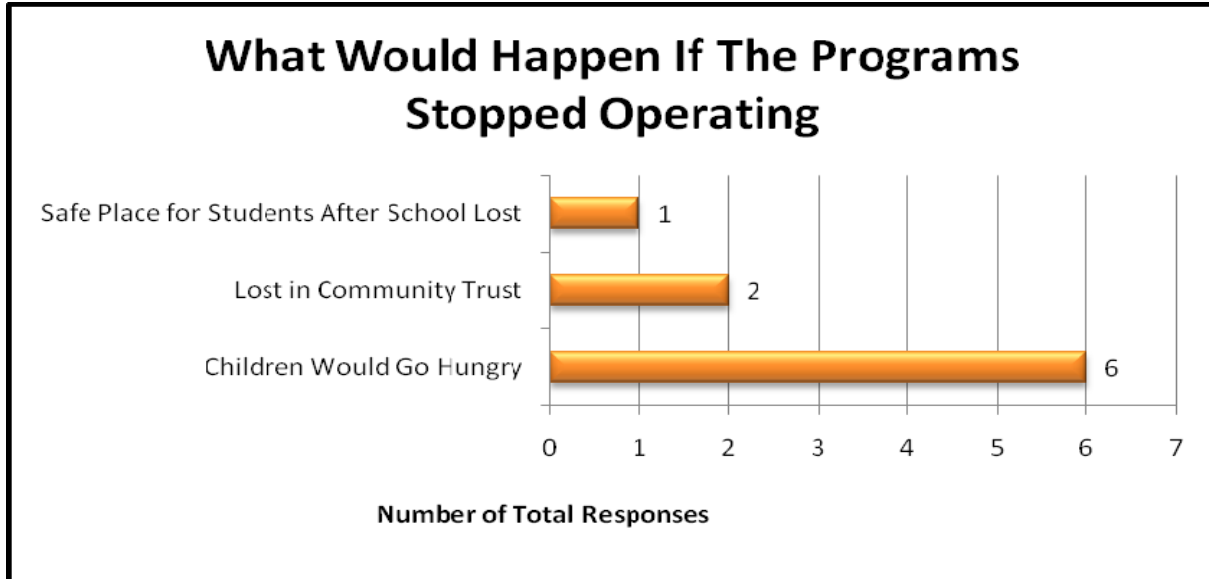
11. How many hours each week do volunteers spend on your Backpack/Kids Café Programs?

Most of the programs rely heavily on volunteers. These volunteers prevent the foodbanks from hiring anywhere from one to four full time staff depending on the size of the foodbanks programs.



13. What would happen if these programs were to cease operating?

Kids Café, Backpack and Summer Feeding programs offer children a safe environment, mentoring opportunities, and homework help in addition to a meal they may not otherwise receive. Foodbanks stated that without these programs many children would go hungry. Community trust in the foodbanks would also be lost if the programs were discontinued.



Definitions of Child Nutrition Programs

Backpack Program

The backpack program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends. The food is child-friendly, nonperishable, easily consumed, and vitamin fortified. The backpacks are discreetly distributed to children on the last day before the weekend or holiday vacation. For more information please visit:

<http://feedingamerica.org/our-network/network-programs/backpack-program.aspx>.

Kids Café

Kids Café programs provide free meals and snacks to low-income children through a variety of community locations where children already congregate such as churches or public schools. In addition to providing meals to kids, some Kids Café programs also offer a safe place, where under the supervision of staff, a child can get involved in educational, recreational, and social activities.

For more information please visit:

<http://feedingamerica.org/our-network/network-programs/kids-cafe.aspx>.

Summer Feeding Programs

Summer Feeding Programs were created to ensure that children in lower-income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations when they do not have access to school lunch or breakfast. Summer Feeding Programs are the single largest Federal resource available for local sponsors who want to combine a feeding program with a summer activity program. Sponsors receive payment for serving healthy meals and snacks to children and teenagers, 18 years and younger, at approved sites in low-income areas. For more information please visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/about/index.html>.