

## Sodexo Donation Ensures No Child Goes Hungry

Tarleton State University's Dining Services (Sodexo) made a big move to end childhood hunger in Erath County. Through a partnership with First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, Stephenville Reformed Church, and Oakdale United Methodist Church, Sodexo provided chips for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Burgers for Backpack Buddies fundraiser this April.

Weekends can be a difficult time for students who rely on meal plans as their main source of nutrition. Instead of leaving these students high and dry outside with the possibility of no food source over the weekends, Backpack Buddies, a local nonprofit, fills sacks with non-perishable, child-friendly foods and administers them to students who are most at risk of going hungry on weekends.

Burgers for Backpack Buddies is one of many aspiring 'Backpack Buddies' pushes, funded by Erath County United Way and grants from various local businesses and organizations, to end childhood hunger in the area. Spectators could purchase a \$5 tickets and enjoy a meal that included a hamburger, chips, and dessert at the Stephenville City Park Pavilion. Each ticket sold was the equivalent to the cost of a full weekend of food for one child.

Sodexo stepped up to support this non-profit's effort that currently feeds 256 children per weekend in the following public school districts –

- Stephenville
- Dublin
- Lingleville
- Three Way
- Huckabay
- Morgan Mill
- Bluff Dale
- Houston Academy

Tarleton State University's Dining Services contributed 2000 bags of chips to the annual event.

For more information and ways to get involved, visit [Backpack Buddies' Facebook Page](#).