

2012-2013 B.A.G.S. For Tomorrow Year End Summary

The 2012 – 2013 BAGS for Tomorrow program was very successful. The program delivered approximately 750 Bags of food last year to Groton Area students, as well as a \$15 dollar food coupon per family to Ken's during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. With some minimal purchases of cleaning supplies, shelving, and insurance, along with our bag cost averaging just over 8 dollars per bag; our expenses for this past year were about \$7000. With the generous donations and grants that we received, we easily surpassed this amount and have the 2013-2014 BAGS Program fully funded.

It is because of the hard work, dedication, and generosity of the Groton Community and surrounding area that we are able to provide for our students in need and give them something they would not have had otherwise. Students who are hungry are not going to be focused on school, tend to be disruptive, and will typically struggle in school. The BAGS Program is helping to offset this issue. This is not an issue just in Groton, but in most schools throughout South Dakota and the U.S. to some extent or another.

Our BAGS program enrollment is at about 7% of our student population. This is much less than the free/reduced lunch percentage of 18%. I have received a number of thank you notes from families enrolled in our program expressing their gratitude and I would like to extend this thank you to everyone who has helped or contributed in any way to our program.

This program is here for the sole purpose of helping our students. It could not be done without the cooperation and donation of time and money from a lot of different people and it is why this program has been working so well.

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