

2014-2015 B.A.G.S. For Tomorrow Year End Summary

The 2014 – 2015 BAGS for Tomorrow program was very successful. The program delivered approximately 1131 Bags of food this past 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 approximately \$10,000.

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, they tend to be disruptive, and will typically struggle in school. The BAGS Program is helping to offset these issues. Students in need 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 roughly 8% of our student population. This is much less than the free/reduced lunch percentage of 17%. 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.

The BAGS for Tomorrow program is financially sound thanks to the generous support of numerous organizations, clubs, and individuals. As of June 2015 we had \$13648.83 in our bank account. This is more than enough to sustain the program for the upcoming year, and into the following year.

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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