



Nightwatch Food Truck

IMPACT REPORT

2022





It's been said that all a child needs to succeed is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them. When it comes to our kids, Sioux Falls does more than help, hope, and believe. We're dedicated to making sure all children succeed, from cradle to career. That's the mission of Sioux Falls Thrive.

Purpose

We focus on 4 critical needs for school-age children:



Kid Link

Neighbors and volunteers work to close service gaps that make student achievement difficult.



Affordable Housing

To be a catalyst to influence, advocate for, and support funding for housing development on behalf of the most vulnerable populations in the Sioux Falls area.



Out-of-School Enrichment

Reduce by 50% the number of children aged 5 to 18 left unsupervised during out-of-school time.



Food Security

Create equitable and sustainable access to food in each neighborhood in a dignified and culturally appropriate manner.

OUR STORY SO FAR

The Nightwatch Food Truck began providing weekly meals at Kid Link Riverside on Nov. 3, 2020. Since then, more than 15,000 meals have been served to children and their families. More than 40 organizations and individuals have provided meals, and many more volunteers have served meals.

In 2022, a task team was formed to address the sustainability of the Nightwatch Food Truck in the Riverside neighborhood. Through that task team, new partnerships were created and fundraising began. The Kid Link Meal Fund was created in 2022 to cover food costs to fill in the gaps. This proved to be essential when we were unable to schedule organizations or individuals to provide a hot meal.



meals provided

52

consecutive
weeks in 2022




8,023+
meals
served
in 2022





21

organizations
& individuals
provided meals
in 2022

- New Day Church
 - Kid Link Volunteers
 - New Hope Church
 - First United Methodist Church
 - Riversiders
 - Air National Guard
 - Career & Technical Education
 - Food Giveaway Volunteers
 - Rachelle Schaap
 - First Western Bank and Trust
 - Kid Link Meal Fund
 - Bread Break
 - Avera
 - Lasagna Love
 - Marsh McLennan Agency LLC
 - East River Hip Hop Church
 - Jim Waggoner
 - Trail Ridge
 - Asbury United Methodist Church
 - Sermon on the Mount Mennonite Church
 - Kristin Johnson
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\$15,760

raised in 2022

- Paul and Mary Ellen Connelly Charitable Fund
- Avera Foundation
- Lou and Helen Madsen Fund
- Honke Foods LLC
- Sammons Financial Group
- Kristy Tripp
- Avera Health



OUR 2023 GOALS

1 Scheduling

We hope to schedule some of our recurring meal providers on a rotating schedule; for example, signing up monthly, quarterly, or twice a year. Then, filling in the gaps with other organizations, individuals, and the Kid Link Meal Fund when needed.

2 Kid Link Meal Fund

We hope to continue our fundraising efforts through the relationships that have been built with organizations and individuals that have supported our efforts, and build new relationships within the community.

3 Sustainability

We hope to build a team that would help with a variety of organizational needs; for example, scheduling, fundraising, transporting the truck, communicating with and training the weekly meal providers and servers, and continuing to build new relationships within the community.



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

A nutritious meal is part of the weekly programming and we need your help to get it done. This meal service opportunity is good for food service teams, local businesses, church groups, families, friend groups and anyone interested in serving, or donating for a meal to be prepared and served!

Your team can donate, prep and serve a simple, nutritious meal to about 200 people. You'll need a cook to create a balanced meal, and two or three people to set up, serve and clean up.

OR

Your team can provide the funding needed for someone else to prepare and serve the meal.

If you are interested in serving a meal or donating, please visit siouxfallsthive.org/meals.



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