



A primary mission of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club is to serve children.

The Friday Food Bag Foundation has as its primary mission working with educators and social workers of both Laramie County Wyoming School Districts #1 and #2 to deliver bags of nutritious, non-perishable food each Friday while school is in regular session to children who might not otherwise eat well, or not at all, during the weekends.

The Kiwanis Club has a standing committee for Friday Food Bag, and Club members have been instrumental in unpacking the food supplies necessary to fill, and helping to fill, 3300+ bags each month during the school year. Club members also help deliver approximately 800+ Friday Food Bags each week to more than 20 grade schools and junior highs.

The Club Board of Directors, in addition, authorized, in 2011, and 2012, a total donation of over \$22,000 to Friday Food Bag, enough for 4400 bags. The Cheyenne Kiwanis Foundation also donated \$5000 in 2015. Club members, using Club vehicles and equipment, have twice helped relocate the FFBF operations to donated space, and were instrumental in helping FFBF acquire used grocery shelving for storage of filled bags.

Forty-seven (47) different Kiwanis Club members, during the 2016-2017 school year, provided 342 community service hours during 10 unpackings, 17 fillings, and 34 weekly deliveries. Those members unpacked and sorted 275,400 food items, and helped place those items in 27,540 bags. Each bag weighed approximately 3.2 pounds, which equals 88,128 pounds, which is just over 44 tons.

The 800+ bags delivered each week during the 2016-2017 school year, while a significant number, provided nutritious weekend meals to only approximately 12.4% of the 6502 students [which is 43.24% of the entire student population] in Laramie County School Districts #1 and #2 who qualified for free or reduced meals.