



January 23, 2018

Dear Community Member,

Blessings in a Backpack D.C. Everest-Wausau is hosting its 6th **Annual Girls Night Out “Derby Style” event on Sunday, April 29, 2017 at The Wausau Country Club**. All proceeds are used to feed children at DC Everest and Wausau schools. Our event sold out last year. We are expecting to meet our goal of 250 attendees this year.

Blessings in a Backpack helps bridge weekend and summer food gaps for our community’s children who are at the highest risk of facing hunger at home. School age children receive food every weekend so that they can focus on what kids should be focused on – learning in school. Students, who are well-fed, concentrate better in school, have fewer absences, and achieve higher test scores.

Blessings in a Backpack started four years ago, serving 50 children at one school. Demand for the program quickly grew and we have expanded the schools and children served as well added several summer school programs. **Blessings in a Backpack now serves more than 1200 children at 15 schools as well as school food pantries in the Weston-Wausau area.** There are currently 300 students on a waiting list to receive food. It is estimated that ***one in ten families in Marathon County live in poverty***, which means that the program must continue to grow in order to meet the needs of vulnerable students in our community.

May we count on your help? We hope that you will help us fight childhood hunger by donating an item for our auction. As a donor, you will receive recognition at the event and will be acknowledged on our website. An auction committee member would be happy to discuss our program and pick up donated items at your convenience.

Please submit your donation no later than **March 15, 2018** to ensure proper recognition at the event. Blessings in a Backpack D.C. Everest-Wausau is a 501(c)(3) charity. Our EIN number is 26-1964620.

Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts to end childhood hunger in our community.

Sincerely,

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| Mary Krueger | 715-218-6279 |
| Vickie Christenson | 715-370-5021 |

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Auction Item Donation Form

I wish to make the following auction item donation: _____

Fair market value of donated items \$ _____

Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to add an item to the goody bags? YES___ NO ___ (250 items needed)

For questions or to arrange pick up of auction items, please contact:

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Items may be shipped to:

Blessings in a Backpack DC Everest – Wausau

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