

Seneca Fall Backpack Program, Inc.

President's Annual Report 2014-2015

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Seneca Falls Backpack Program was the recipient of several donations from local corporations and fundraisers; thereby ensuring the continued success of the Seneca Falls Backpack Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Our backpack program remains the only independent not-for-profit backpack program in Foodlink's greater Rochester service area. As such we are able to apply for grants independently. We received grants from Wal-Mart, United Way and the Seneca County Youth Bureau.

We also secured donations from area organizations such as the Seneca Falls Rotary Club, Bonadent, Seneca Meadows Landfill, It's a Wonderful Run 5K, FingerLakes1.com 3on3 Basketball Tournament, Seneca Falls Kiwanis, VFW Post 1323 Men's Auxiliary, St. Anthony's Festival and the Geneva UPS store. We also benefitted from fundraisers through CV Designs and Cards for a Cause.

We were able to participate in a grant with the Seneca/Cayuga Community Action Agency that focuses on food security and volunteer generation. We participated in Foodlink-sponsored trainings on nutrition and food safety.

Our challenges remain the same; increasing fundraising as Foodlink's grant participation ends and the price of food bags increases.

We end this year with a wonderful support system of dedicated volunteers and board members who are necessary for the continued success of our program. We have also enjoyed the support of businesses and most importantly the community members who make individual donations throughout the year which support our efforts to such an extent as to secure another year of backpack food bags for the food-insecure children of Seneca Falls.

Respectfully Submitted to the Board of Directors on 9/2/2015,
Lisa Garigen
President
Seneca Falls Backpack Program, Inc.