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Food Bank RGV Receives Funding for Hungry School Kids

PHARR, TX- The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. recently received a grant from C&S Wholesale Grocers that will help distribute over 172,000 pounds of food to 15 program sites for hungry school children across the Rio Grande Valley.

The nearly \$40,000 grant will be used to support and expand the Operation Kid Pack Program. The Operation Kid Pack Program provides nutritious, healthy food to hungry children and distributes the food to them discreetly. Currently, the program serves 450 children per month through nine elementary schools, middle schools, Boys and Girls Clubs and community centers in Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties. This grant funding will help the program to increase the number served to approximately 600 children per month during the period of March 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 and increase the number of site distributions from nine sites to 15 sites.

“This grant will give hungry students a chance to succeed in school,” Terri Drefke, Food Bank RGV CEO, said. “Partnerships with C&S and Feeding America will help us get more quality food to struggling families in a caring and supportive manner.”

For more information contact Terri Drefke, Chief Executive Officer, at (956) 904-4505 or by email at terrid@foodbankrgv.com. Also visit www.foodbankrgv.com at any time for information regarding other programs and events.

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