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**THE CHALLENGE:** 39% of children in Yankton are enrolled in the free and reduced school lunch program. Over 700 local children, under the age of 18, are considered to live under the nation's poverty level. Many of these children experience hunger.

Hunger can affect a child's health, their cognition, academic abilities, and social well-being. A hungry child is likely to be sick more often and have difficulties learning when compared to a child who is food secure. They may struggle to sit still in class, do their homework, and keep their emotions under control with peer, educators, and with their family members.

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In 2013, over 14,500 meals were distributed to local children.

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**HOW YOUR GIFT TO UNITED WAY HELPS:** Since 2011, United Way Partner Agency, Sack Pack, has provided free nutritious meals to children who may otherwise experience hunger over the weekend. In 2013, over 14,500 meals were distributed to local children.

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Each week, volunteers prepare over 450 food packs for distribution.