

Merrimack Valley Food Bank

Operation Nourish

2016-2017 Grant Recipient

GRANT

- \$10,000 was awarded to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank
- Operation Nourish Program provides supplemental food to children who are at risk of hunger and food insecurity on the weekends and school vacations when they are not able to get the free breakfast and lunch that the school provides
- Each month, teams of volunteers from different local and national businesses and a group of developmentally challenged adults from Work Opportunity assemble the bags of food

IMPACT

- During the 2016-2017 school year, MVFB partnered with 15 of the schools in Lowell that have the largest percentages of low-income students that are also "high need"
- At eight of the schools, the identified children each received a bag of nutritious food twice a month that contained two days' worth of nutritious food
- At six sites, a box of healthy food and beverages was delivered monthly to the nurse or social worker to offer students a healthy snack to help them throughout the day
- During the school year, more than 850 students received bags of food once or twice a month, and many more benefited from the monthly boxes of food



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