



# Press Release

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## **Mayor's Youth Council to Host Food Drive for Backpack Buddies Program**

The La Vista Mayor's Youth Council will host a food drive on **Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the Recreation Center (8116 Park View Blvd.) to benefit a local food assistance program.

The Backpack Buddies program aims to provide single-serve meals to children in need in the La Vista and Papillion area by providing each eligible student with a bag of food at the beginning of each weekend.

The program is in need of donations so it can provide students with sufficient food through the end of the school year. Items should be nonperishable, single-serve items that can be prepared without the use of an oven or stovetop. These items include, but are not limited to: fruit snacks, granola bars, pop-tarts, fruit cups, applesauce, pudding cups, microwave soup cups, microwave popcorn, juice boxes, Easy Mac, instant noodles, etc. ***The Backpack Buddies program asks for donations that do not contain peanuts.***

The Youth Council has been participating in a leadership program from the LiveWise Coalition and they were encouraged to identify a need in the community. The teens found there is a growing number of local students who don't have enough food at home and identified the Backpack Buddies program as one that is serving at risk students in the La Vista and Papillion area.

**NOTE TO THE MEDIA:** The Mayor's Youth Council will be meeting at **7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4**, to speak about their project with any interested media representative. The council will be meeting in the City Annex Building located on the north side of La Vista Fire Station #4. Park in the south end of the City Hall parking lot and directly to the south of the Blue Star Memorial is an entrance marked "Annex".

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