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***Written by Jill Blank, Communications Intern***

*Donors to Receive Free Admission to Football Game Saturday, Nov. 15*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Throughout the school year, Gardner-Webb University helps feed local elementary school students in a program that sends healthy snacks home in their backpacks. The University depends on the community's support for the Healthy Bulldog Backpack Program, and officials want to reward donors for that generosity.

Individuals who bring a pack of healthy snacks to Gardner-Webb's final 2014 home football game on Saturday, Nov. 15, will receive free admission. All donations will support students at Springmore Elementary School in Boiling Springs.

GWU will host Presbyterian College at noon on Saturday in Spangler Stadium. As part of Senior Day festivities, the University is collecting non-perishable items like trail mix, individual fruit cups, applesauce, boxed juices and canned soup for Springmore students.

The backpack program provides food for students to take home twice each week. The initiative began almost three years ago and currently benefits 23 children and their families.

The program is close to the heart of co-founder Lou Ann Scates, who serves as registrar at Gardner-Webb. "One of my passions is to try and help feed hungry children," Scates shared. "I cannot imagine a kid going to bed hungry, and I know the GWU Bulldog family can help."

Organizers hope the football game collection will create a supply surplus that will allow children to take more food home. "If the amount of donated food is enough, we will give additional items to the families of these 23 kids over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays," Scates said.

For more information on how you can support the backpack program, contact Scates at [lscates@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:lscates@gardner-webb.edu).

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*professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).*