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8-year-old helping hungry kids in his community

A North Carolina kid is making it his mission to help other kids. The 8-year-old is determined to feed hungry children in his community. While most kids may spend their time playing video games or riding their bikes, 8-year-old William Winslow works to fight childhood hunger in his community.

According to the [Huffington Post](#), William's food drive collected enough food and money to keep at least 16 kids fed for an entire year. Huffington Post says it all started when William heard about Backpack Buddies, a North Carolina hunger-relief program run by [Inter-Faith Food Shuttle](#), from a guidance counselor at school.

Last year, on his 7th birthday, he asked his friends to bring donations for Backpack Buddies instead of gifts.

William then asked his mother, Blythe Clifford, to drive him to the local grocery store so he could talk to the manager about starting a food drive.

Clifford said he told her, "I can't stand the thought of my classmates being hungry."

His first food drive raised \$305 and collected 1,400 pounds of food. This year, William's second annual food drive raised more than \$3,000 in donations and collected 3,335 pounds of food.

Clifford told the [Huffington Post](#) that when asked by his father what he sees in the future, William responded, "I see no kids hungry."

"It took my breath away. He just believes with his whole heart that he can help make this better. He doesn't understand why people wouldn't help kids in need," Clifford said. "He just wants to help feed hungry kids and he expects others to help him. I don't think he gets how inspiring he is or how incredible it is to be so empathetic at such a young age."

To read more on William's story, visit his website, www.thefooddrivekid.com

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