

Welcome to Blessings in a Backpack, Rockyford School.

This website is dedicated to the children at the Rockyford School, a public K through 8th grade school located on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation 70 miles southeast of Rapid City, South Dakota. The reservation is 2.2 million acres.

Bunnett Blessings is endeavoring to feed all 475 impoverished school children on the weekends throughout the school year. These children rely on free or reduced price lunches as their food source during the school week, but most have limited (and in some cases no) food on the weekends.

The hardships of the Oglala Lakota Sioux are immense. 47% of those on the Pine Ridge Reservation live below the poverty level. The children hold tight to dreams of breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a better life for them and their future families. We were struck by the hardships of the children on the reservation and shocked to learn that this was going on in our great country.

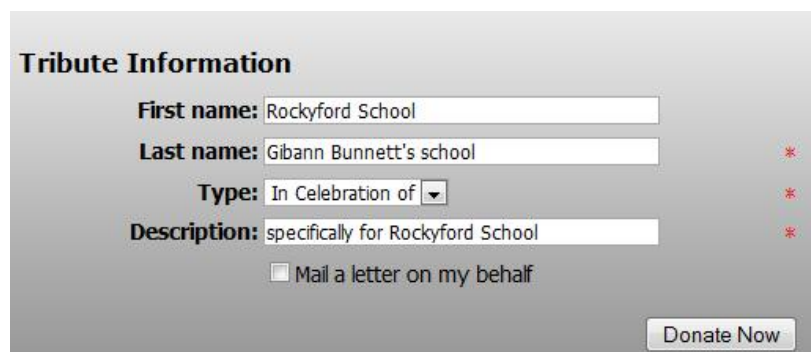
When we read about Blessings in a Backpack in the *People Magazine* article (see link on home page) and watched Diane Sawyer's moving 20/20 expose on the Lakota Sioux, we knew we HAD TO DO SOMETHING. We decided that the Blessings in a Backpack program would be profoundly helpful to Rockyford School. We called Blessings in a Backpack and talked to staff about options to help this school and learned that all 475 children at the school qualify for their program!

Rockyford's Principal and School Counselor explained that the children come to school Monday morning extremely HUNGRY. They are fed breakfast and lunch during the school week, but on Friday they go back for seconds and thirds knowing that they will eat very little, if at all, until Monday morning. Everyone agreed and was excited this program would benefit their school.

475 is our goal.

You can feed one child for 38 weekends of the school year for \$80. Together we can make a difference for these children. Please click on the DONATE link on our website home page to give now.

IMPORTANT: be sure to **indicate your donation to Rockyford School in South Dakota, Gibann Bunnett's School** by filling out the bottom of the donate form like shown below:



Tribute Information

First name: Rockyford School

Last name: Gibann Bunnett's school *

Type: In Celebration of *

Description: specifically for Rockyford School *

Mail a letter on my behalf

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Or you can mail your donation to Blessings in a Backpack, Bank Lockbox , PO Box 950291, Louisville, KY 40295. Please memo your check, Rockyford School, Gibann Bunnett's school.

Your donation will help feed these children living right here in the United States.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for any donation you are able to make. Even the smallest amounts add up to hunger relief for these kids. We'll keep you posted on how it's going – we are determined to persevere until we have enough donations for all 475 children!

Bill and Gibann Bunnett