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Sixteen Pearls Foundation, Inc. Receives Grant to provide weekend meals to the entire student body at Beveridge Elementary school.

Gary, IN – Sixteen Pearls Foundation, Inc. announced today that it has received a \$20,000 grant from Legacy Foundation, Lake County's community foundation, to support the Food for Thought Backpack Nutrition Program.

Sixteen Pearls Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization whose charitable purpose is to assist residents and organizations in Northwest Indiana with education-based scholarships, community grants and special initiative programs.

"The grant will enable our Food for Thought Backpack Program to meet the needs of hungry children when other resources are not available by providing weekend meals to the 100% disadvantaged student population at Beveridge Elementary school" said Risë Ratney, Program Chairman.

Children need good nutrition to assist in their growth and development and protect them from illness. Ultimately proper nutrition is a cornerstone for academic success.

"Sixteen Pearls Foundation is happy to offer families a supplement to help stretch their food budgets at a time when food prices have increased significantly and the dollars just don't go as far," said Quanda Davis, the Sixteen Pearls Foundation, President. "Also, we're fortunate to have Community HealthNet, Inc., as our community partner on this program. The health center will provide age appropriate nutrition education to the students. We hope starting children learning about proper nutrition at an early age will help alleviate certain health problems in the future."

Legacy Foundation invests in nonprofit services and capacity building efforts throughout Lake County, Ind. Through the generosity of a wide base of donors, Legacy Foundation has awarded \$40 million in grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and individuals since its founding in 1992. Learn more at www.legacyfdn.org. For more information about Sixteen Pearls Foundation Inc., 219 793-4367.