



Hunger Free Communities Network

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QUARTERLY BULLETIN

Hunger Free Communities Virtual Summit!

We are excited to announce that our 2020 Hunger Free Communities Summit will take place virtually on November 18th and 19th. This year’s summit will be an opportunity to learn and share knowledge about the changing landscape of hunger and community resilience in post-pandemic America.

The summit will feature speakers and panelists as well as interactive workshops. We are now accepting session proposals. If you are interested in facilitating a session apply on our [2020 HFC Summit page](#).

Vote to End Hunger Launches 2020 Campaign

[Vote to End Hunger](#) is a broad coalition of individuals and organizations committed to ending hunger in the U.S. and around the world by 2030. They engage political candidates to elevate the issue of hunger in the 2020 election cycle.

"Polls have repeatedly shown that ending hunger is a goal that the American people fully support." said **Luis Guardia, President of the Food Research & Action Center**. "Voters need to know where candidates stand on addressing hunger, poverty, and on creating opportunity. This is particularly vital at this time when COVID-19 has contributed to unprecedented levels of food insecurity and has highlighted stark and entrenched racial, ethnic, and income disparities in the United States."

The Vote to End Hunger campaign, which uses the hashtags #VoteToEndHunger and #VTEH, is non-partisan and encourages candidates to offer ideas and plans for alleviating hunger. Learn more about how to get involved [here](#).

TRYING TO BUILD YOUR CAPACITY?

Don't forget to check out the Self-Assessment Workbook! You can download it or find and use individual sections on our [website](#).

[Contact us](#) for support using the SAW tool with your organization.



UPCOMING EVENTS

HFC IMPACT FRAMEWORK WEBINAR

Exploring the Hunger Free Communities conceptual model, collective impact and impact framework.
Thursday, August 13th,
2:00–3:00 PM (ET)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

NEXT HFC QUARTERLY WEBINAR

Tuesday, September 15th,
2:00PM-3:30PM (ET)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

HFC 2020 VIRTUAL SUMMIT

More details to come!
November 18 - 19, 2020

If you have questions or feedback, or if you'd like to share any news with the rest of the network in our next bulletin, please reach out to [Olivia McConnell](#)



THE ALLIANCE TO END HUNGER IS HIRING

We seek a visionary Executive Director who is mission-driven and attuned to the work of its member community as it related to food and hunger in domestic and global spheres .

Learn more [here](#)

UPDATES TO OUR RESOURCE LIBRARY

WE'VE ADDED SOME MORE RESOURCES TO OUR [LIBRARY](#)! HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:

“Strategy Triage Tool”
by Strategy Lift

“Community Eligibility: The Key to Hunger-Free Schools School Year 2019—2020” by FRAC

“The Impact of the Coronavirus on Local Food Insecurity” by Feeding America

“Parenting While In College: Basic Needs Insecurity Among Students With Children” by The Hope Center

Poetry X Hunger Takes a Creative Approach to Addressing Hunger

Poetry X Hunger is an informal initiative focused on intentionally inspiring poetry that addresses the cause of preventing and eliminating hunger. The overall approach is to augment the traditionally cited, tragic hunger statistics with heartfelt, powerful poetry as an innovative way of reaching the public and public policy decision makers. Learn more by visiting their [website](#).

*To stop world hunger the world is going to need each other
So my challenge to you and my challenge to me
Do something small or large independently
Together Everyone Achieves More If we can unite as a team
– world hunger can be no more
That sounds like a plan that’s worth it to me
So let’s embark on our journey and do little day by day until
2030*

An excerpt from AaronR’s “Hunger Pains”

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee Launches Innovative Move Night Fundraiser

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee has seen a drastic increase in the number of people they serve as a result of the pandemic. Last year they provided about 8.9 million meals, but due to increased need, they have already provided almost 10.1 million meals this year. They have also lost the opportunity to hold many in person fundraising events, so last Friday they hosted their first virtual fundraiser. “The community responded to this event with enthusiasm and generosity while staying safely at home watching a food themed movie of their choice and donating what they would have spent “at the movies” to Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee.” said Development Director Lee Walker.

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance Partners with Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield’s Blue & You Foundation for Latinx Community Grants

The Blue & You Foundation, established and funded by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, seeks to build better health throughout the state. Recently they collaborated with Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance to fund grants for hunger relief organizations serving Latinx communities. \$50,000 in grant funding was available and over 26 applications were awarded.

Meals 2 You Feeds Rural Students

As schools began closing down during the pandemic, many students lost access to vital school meals. The Baylor University Collaborative on Hunger has partnered with USDA, PepsiCo and McLane Global to scale up the Meals 2 You program which sends healthy shelf-stable meals to kids living in rural areas that may have barriers to a traditional summer feeding model. The program is now active in 42 state and Puerto Rico, and has served over 25.5 million meals. Learn more by checking out the [interview from Sonnyside on the Farm](#).