



HUNGER FREE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

The Challenge

Food insecurity in the United States remains a significant issue with USDA indicating 47.4 million people live in food-insecure households, including 13.8 million children. These households, struggling with inadequate access to and resources for needed food may turn to federal nutrition programs and community food resources to help put food on the table. Recent data demonstrate over 42 million people participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and approximately 49 million people receive charitable food assistance (Feeding America) at some point during the year. Unfortunately, hardship has been increasing since the end of pandemic-era supports.

Hunger in America is a condition of the lack of public and political will; it persists not because we lack the resources to end it, but because we lack a shared understanding of the problem, and the leadership and resolve to address it. True progress against hunger requires cooperation among elected leaders, program administrators, private enterprise, and nonprofit organizations at the national, state and local levels.

The Vision

Guided by the experience of Ambassador Tony Hall's work as a Member of Congress from Ohio, the Alliance to End Hunger's [Hunger Free Communities Initiative](#) supports multi-sector collaborations seeking to assess and address the unique needs of those experiencing hunger in their communities. These coalitions—comprised of nonprofit, government, faith and private sectors—range in scale from small towns and counties, to major metropolitan areas and states. Some are led by Members of Congress, governors and mayors, while others are entirely volunteer driven. At their core, these initiatives are formed around the belief that to end hunger at the local level a broad range of community stakeholders must unite behind a common vision and strategy.

The **Hunger Free Communities Network™** is a forum for information sharing, resource development and capacity building. Bringing the Alliance to End Hunger's track record of brokering diverse partnerships to the local level, we support the network to better understand hunger in their communities and identify innovative solutions which address underserved populations, engage communities and promote equitable policy solutions. We invest in this network by providing multiple platforms that foster communication between anti-hunger coalitions and the sharing of best practices, including the Hunger Free Communities Summit.

The Alliance to End Hunger is helping Hunger Free Communities develop a foundation of public will—in communities and in Congress—to make a lasting impact in the lives of hungry people.

The Impact

Hunger Free Communities, which were championed by elected leaders, led by community stakeholders, and supported by the Alliance to End Hunger, have led to:

- Deeper understanding of hunger in our communities and among our political leaders
- Greater capacity and better coordination of emergency food programs
- Improved access to and enrollment in public nutrition programs

See reverse for the current Hunger Free Communities Network list.

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Name	State
Alabama Childhood Food Solutions	AL
End Child Hunger in Alabama	AL
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance	AR
Arizona Food Bank Network	AZ
WHEAT	AZ
Hunger Free San Diego	CA
San Francisco Food Security Task Force	CA
Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger	CO
Hunger Free Colorado	CO
Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger	FL
Treasure Coast Hunger-Free Community Coalition	FL
Des Moines Area Religious Council	IA
Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force (IHRTF)	ID
Chi-Care	IL
Beyond Hunger	IL
Hunger Resource Network	IL
Hunger Free Northbrook	IL
Illinois Hunger Coalition	IL
Indy Hunger Network	IN
Hunger Free Kansas	KS
Manna Food Center	MD
FEED HOCO	MD
Montgomery County Food Council	MD
Community Food Rescue	MD
Food Security Coalition of Mid Coast Maine	ME
Kalamazoo County Hunger-Free Community Coalition	MI
Livingston County Hunger Council	MI
Hunger Impact Partners	MN
Ujima Hunger Coalition	MO

Name	State
Harvesters - The Community Food Network	MO
NourishKC	MO
Great Falls Community Food Bank	MT
Livingston Food Resource Center	MT
Carolina Hunger Initiative	NC
Hunger Free North Dakota	ND
NH Hunger Solutions	NH
Hunger Free New Jersey	NJ
Anti-Hunger Task Force of Long Island	NY
Community Food Advocates	NY
Interreligious Food Consortium	NY
Poughkeepsie Farm Project	NY
Governor's Task Force	NM
Children's Hunger Alliance	OH
Hall Hunger Initiative	OH
Hunger Free Oklahoma	OK
Oregon Food Bank	OK
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon	OR
Hunger Nutrition Coalition of Bucks County	PA
MontCo Anti-Hunger Network (MAHN)	PA
Tennessee Justice Center	TN
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee	TN
Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty	TX
Abilene Big Country Hunger Coalition	TX
Bell County Hunger Coalition	TX
Love Kendall County Kids	TX
Brazos Hunger Solutions	TX
Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions	TX
Hill Country Hunger Alliance	TX

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Name	State
Johnson County Texas Hunger Coalition	TX
Nourish Coalition	TX
Tom Green County Hunger Coalition	TX
Tarrant County Food Policy Council	TX
McLennan County Hunger Coalition	TX
South Plains Hunger Solutions	TX
Washington County Food Security Network	TX

Name	State
Hometown Food Security Project	TX
Hunger Free Coalition of Brazoria County	TX
Smith County Food Security Council	TX
Southeast Texas Hunger Free Community Coalition	TX
Hunger Free Alexandria	VA
Hunger Free Vermont	VT
Hunger Task Force	WI

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