

# Kids Against Hunger®

**Kids Against Hunger** is a 30 year food relief program that's hands-on! Our mission is to eliminate local hunger and eradicate starvation & malnutrition world-wide. Currently, *850 million people are severely undernourished world-wide. The impact on our most vulnerable?*

***A child dies every five seconds from hunger-related disease  
That's 17,000 children who die every day***

**They need our help. . . we need your help. Imagine how many deaths we could prevent if every church in Nebraska were to get involved!**

Kids Against Hunger packages a revolutionary food packet developed by some of the world's leading food scientists at Cargill, Pillsbury, General Mills and Archer Daniels Midland. This one packet provides six nutritionally-complete servings. We use just 4 main ingredients that we purchase (greatly reduced costs), soy protein, dehydrated vegetables and chicken flavoring, vitamins and minerals and rice. Thanks to our partnership with the Lincoln Food Bank, The People's City Mission, and The Orphan Grain Train (transports our food Internationally at no-charge) our food costs are just 10 cents/serving!

We harness the power of volunteers to package food and prepare it for distribution. Volunteers simply gather a group (ages 5 & up) or join an existing group to package. Families, friends, small groups, youth groups, student councils, business associates – the opportunity to volunteer and have an impact is limitless. Our volunteers listen to music, enjoy conversation and have fun. Kids Against Hunger teaches children at a young age the joy of giving. How often does a 5 year old get to save lives with their own small hands! We typically schedule the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoons (after 1:00) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings (after 6PM) for 2.5 hour sessions. We do our best to accommodate *all requested* times outside of these sessions based on volunteer availability.

We held our first packaging session on September 17, 2006. In our first 6 months we've packaged over 300,000 meals! Approximately 20% has served the Lincoln community and the rest will be distributed internationally (primarily Africa due to their urgent needs). In conjunction with the Lincoln Food Bank, we are using our food packets to expand the Lincoln Public School Back-Pack program! We packaged approximately 42,000 meals in Tekamah at a remote "Packaging Party" on March 25<sup>th</sup> and assisted Norfolk in opening a Kids Against Hunger Satellite on April 1<sup>st</sup>! God is doing tremendous work with Kids Against Hunger, the news is traveling throughout our community. **Please consider how you can help!**

**Our Goal:** To package 100,000 meals each month (1,200,000 in 2007). We need \$10,000 AND 250 volunteers EACH MONTH! (Approximately 20% of our food will stay in our community where nearly 24,000 people live at or below poverty level.) Once we've taken care of our local need, our remaining food will be shipped globally where it is needed most. We are completely volunteer driven and rely on volunteers to package and to donate.

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Please prayfully consider your Church's role:

- 1. The single most important thing that you can do? Educate yourself on Kids Against Hunger. Then give your PERSONAL COMMITMENT AND ENDORSEMENT OF THIS MISSION to your congregation.**
- 2. Find a church leader, individual (or group) looking for a ministry to serve as YOUR Kids Against Hunger Liaison(s). This Liaison becomes your Church's point person for KAH. We keep them posted and provide the necessary materials and training needed to educate your congregation on KAH and recruit volunteers. Your Liaison will co-ordinate your Church's effort to assemble volunteer groups *at least* once a year. KAH Lincoln will provide the training and the tools for your Liaison(s). This person will also help find volunteer positions to those in your congregation who want to do more.**
- 3. Add Kids Against Hunger to your Church's Website (check out what we've done at [www.stmarks.org](http://www.stmarks.org) – happy to provide!).**
- 4. Include information in your bulletin and newsletters, make flyers available. The materials to accomplish this are available to you now – requiring very little time/effort for you to implement.**
- 5. Take up an offering for this incredible mission once a year (or more!). We are completely dependent upon donations to purchase and distribute our food packets. We need \$14,000 each month for the food and associated supplies to meet our goal of 140,000 meals/month. We need your financial help, volunteers and prayers!**
- 6. Get involved *yourself* with your family and friends. Attend your church's packaging sessions to demonstrate your personal commitment to this mission.**

*Imagine if you will, the power of EVERY CHURCH in our community getting involved! Imagine eradicating world hunger in our lifetimes! It's a very real possibility but it will take us all. Please prayfully consider this request. I personally challenge you to raise more money and produce more meals than our St. Marks team! Winner saves more lives!*

In His Name,

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