

# Kids Against Hunger®

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Earlier this month, the U.S. Navy's USNS Comfort shipped five containers of Kids Against Hunger's meals from Minnesota and Ohio to **Port Au Prince, Haiti**. That food shipment included nearly 1.5 million meals! The U.S. Navy teamed up with Kids Against Hunger in 2007 and has been delivering Kids Against Hunger's meals to starving children in Haiti, Guatemala, Ghana, Liberia, Angola, and many other countries since then.

## U.S. Navy's Continued Support



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# Kids Against Hunger Continues to Grow

**2006: 14 Million Meals**      **2007: 27 Million Meals**  
**2008: 40 Million Meals**



Volunteers packaging food at New Hope, MN

In 2008, over **120,000** volunteers of all ages came together at 43 Kids Against Hunger food packaging centers to package **40 million meals!!** Because the need for food is increasing, so is our need to package. Our goal for 2009 is to package over 60 million meals. We have already set up 11 new locations in the first four months of 2009 ! We are confident that, with the help of volunteers who enjoy the feeling of making a difference, we will achieve that goal.

## Helping Here in the U.S.



To The Left:  
300 volunteers gathered in Fairmont, Minnesota, to package over 94,000 meals!

Below: A council of nine members helped distribute the food packets throughout the reservation.

On February 23rd, our Mankato (MN) Division Director, Tim Stromer, lead a group of 300 people from Fairmont, Minnesota, to package over 94,000 meals! Thanks to them and the help of the local Wal-Mart store, we were able to ship those meals to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. This Native American Reservation is the poorest in the United States, with an unemployment rate of 80% and a 49% poverty rate. We at Kids Against Hunger are glad to be able to help and would like to thank all of the volunteers involved in making this happen.



# Here We Grow Again!!

Already in 2009, we have welcomed **11** new locations to our feeding network with several more preparing to open. The Kids Against Hunger food packaging network currently includes nearly 60 “satellites” in the United States and one in Canada. We work closely with our feeding partners to distribute the meals prepared by our volunteers. Last year, the Kids Against Hunger feeding network shipped to over 40 different countries including Haiti, El Salvador, the Philippines, Cambodia, and the United States.

For a list of satellite locations, please visit our website at [www.kidsagainsthunger.org](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org). For further information on setting up a satellite in your area, please contact the Kids Against Hunger Headquarters in New Hope (MN) at (763) 257-0202 or email us at [info@kidsagainsthunger.com](mailto:info@kidsagainsthunger.com).

Knoxville, TN  
 Bloomington, MN  
 Asheville, NC  
 Vidalia, GA  
 Mt. Pleasant, MI  
 Hamel, MN  
 Livingston, TX  
 Winnebago, MN  
 West Branch, MI  
 Utica, MI  
 Allen, TX

**COMING SOON:**

Temple, TX  
 Frankfort, KY  
 Sioux Falls, SD



Map of active Kids Against Hunger food packaging locations (as of 04/10/09)

## Recent Food Shipments from New Hope & Mankato, MN

Location/Organization	No. of Meals
Haiti	1,910,304
Cambodia	28,512
Mexico	71,280
United States (various food shelves)	22,032
Community Emergency Assistance Program (Minneapolis, MN)	38,880

**MORE THAN TWO MILLION MEALS!**



## \$ 5 FUNdraising Ideas \$

We appreciate our supporters' efforts in helping us reach our goal of feeding the world. Because each meal can be produced at the low cost of \$0.23, even small contributions make a significant difference and allow us to provide additional meals for children and their families in need around the world. If you are planning on scheduling a food packaging event, or opening a satellite, or simply would like to raise funds to help pay for the cost of ingredients and supplies needed to package our meals, here are some fun fundraising ideas:

- Crockpot Cook Off** – Have about 10-20 people from the community make dishes in four categories (chili, stew, soup etc.). Then have the general public come and judge the dishes. You can charge \$5.00 a ticket to judge the food. Tasty and rewarding!
- Bag for Bucks** – Gather a group of people to bag groceries at your local grocery store. You can even help customers out to their car with the groceries. You'll make a lot in tips.
- Movie Night Fundraising** – Many organizations rent a movie and hold movie night fundraising events. This works especially well if you have a large room and projection/large screen TV. Make money by charging a single price for the movie and refreshments; provide the movie free but sell refreshments; or charge nothing and just ask for donations. Make sure you select a movie that will be of special interest to your group. Allow plenty of time for socialization before and after the movie. Some groups have held all-nighters where movie-goers bring their sleeping bags and blankets and have a movie marathon.
- Pumping Gas** – Ask a local gas station to let you pump customers' gas and wash their windshields. You can either ask for an unspecified fundraising donation or a set amount (you will do better without a set amount). Since most stations are now self service you will be offering the customers a welcome option. It's a win-win situation. It doesn't cost the station a cent and their customers get premium service. You have no upfront cost. The gas stations already have the windshield cleaner, squeegees and paper towels. You just provide warm bodies and elbow grease.
- Drive for Dollars** – This is an easy fundraising idea. All you have to do is get a large group of volunteers together and send them out into the community door to door. Their goal is to get every person to commit to at least one dollar. The group that returns with the most money can win a great prize. There are several incentives you could have for the competition. It is easy, fun, and doesn't take you putting money into it from your organization!



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