

Kids Against Hunger®

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

April 2011 Newsletter

Hunger Relief Efforts for Japan



We have talked with the U.S. Navy via Project Handclasp and have containers of food ready to send to Japan. We have been told that the Navy is going to commit to sending food to Japan very shortly. Kids Against Hunger currently has 3-4 containers ready to go at several locations and we are just waiting for final info regarding logistics.

Sending all our available food to Japan means that those meals will be missing in Haiti where we are still very involved in hunger relief efforts resulting from the earthquake in 2010. Your donation now will help us respond to the unfolding crisis in Japan without depriving the starving children in Haiti of the meals that they so desperately need. Please [Donate now](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org/online_donation.shtml) (http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org/online_donation.shtml) to allow us to replenish our food supply and to help us fill up the next container for starving children in Haiti.

Recent Food Shipments

In March, Kids Against Hunger's meals were shipped to the following countries:

570,240 meals to Haiti

285,120 meals to the Philippines

85,536 meals to Guatemala

4,320 meals to the U.S.

Food Shipment Arrives in Haiti

Back in February, Kids Against

Watch the New YouTube video!

Have you had a chance to check out our YouTube channel lately?

We just uploaded a great new video showing Kids Against Hunger's founder on his recent trip to Haiti. [Click here](http://www.youtube.com/kidsagainsthunger) (<http://www.youtube.com/kidsagainsthunger>) to view it.



New satellite in Tavares (FL)

Perfect Florida weather greeted all who came to package meals at the Tavares (FL) satellite launch which was held at the Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg, FL. Nearly 1,000 volunteers participated in this two-day event where 200,880 meals were packaged!



Local newspaper and television coverage had helped build enthusiasm and resulted in support coming from all aspects of the community. Local college students, the Leesburg Fire Department, elementary students, youth groups, and kids of all ages came together to feed families around the world and around the corner. It was definitely an inter-generational effort and it was beautiful!

Food Packaging Totals for 2010 are in!

Every year, we gather year-end reports from all Kids Against Hunger satellite locations summarizing their food packaging activity. The numbers for 2010 are now in!

154,400 volunteers at 86 Kids Against Hunger locations across the U.S. and Canada packaged **40.6 million meals.**

38.8 million meals were shipped to 39 countries (35.4 million meals went to starving children and families abroad and 3.4 million meals were distributed to food-insecure families within the U.S.).

The largest amount of food (27.2 million meals) was sent to Haiti as a result of the earthquake in January 2010, followed by the U.S. (3.4 million), Nicaragua (2.3 million), Swaziland (1.2 million), and Honduras (1.1 million meals).

Testimonial from the Philippines

From time to time, we receive great testimonials confirming the life-saving impact of the Kids Against Hunger meals. The following is one such story that we would like to share with you:



Hunger partnered with the Luther Family of Dealerships who packaged 540,000 meals.



Less than six weeks later (on March 24th) the meals arrived in Haiti where they are now being distributed to starving children and families via Lifeline Christian Mission. Lifeline partners with various groups for the distribution of Kids Against Hunger's meals to over 40 different recipient organizations.

Welcome, KAH - Quad Cities!

"Kids Against Hunger - Quad Cities" (located in Moline, IA) had been active as a "wing" of the Brighton (IA) satellite of Kids Against Hunger for some time and decided last month to become a full-fledged food packaging satellite. We are excited to welcome John Kessler and his team of volunteers as new members of the Kids Against Hunger satellite network!

Congratulations to Bob Bostic, the new Director of "Kids Against Hunger - Tavares", on a very successful event. An event this large and well run is always a team effort and it showed!

David Jensen from the Kids Against Hunger Headquarters in New Hope (MN) was on hand for the event. David was amazed by the amount of community support and by the attention to details of this group. They truly "lifted a page out of the Disney handbook" as they set up the flow of the event to maximize fun, and to expose volunteers to Kids Against Hunger.



Bob Bostic did a great job of training and inspiring each shift of volunteers that came in. People were excited to hear that the plan for the packaged meals included the homeless and hungry right there in Central Florida - as well as an orphanage in Haiti and disaster relief in Japan. There is much work to be done and this is a group of people who are going to step up and make a difference!

"The food that you are helping us import is a vital part of our planning for next year. That anti-malnutrition food seems to work wonders for the hungry children of the **Philippines**. We are still in a pilot project with our Malnourished Children Outreach, but everything looks very promising. So far, we have regularly fed about 1,500 malnourished children for six months and the **results are astounding**. I met one child a few days ago who was one year old and only weighed 5.5 kilos - the weight of a newborn. After a few months of feeding, the child now weighs 10.5 kilos. Results like this are repeating in all our areas."

- Mark Whitehead, International Care Ministries

2010 Annual Report Out Soon

We are currently putting the finishing touches on our annual report for 2010. To learn more about what Kids Against Hunger has done in 2010, check our web site in the coming weeks or "like" us on [FaceBook](http://www.facebook.com/kidsagainsthunger) (<http://www.facebook.com/kidsagainsthunger>) to receive notification.

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