

Kids Against Hunger®

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

May 2011 Newsletter

Japan Earthquake Follow-up

"Right after the devastating earthquake in Northern Japan, we - like many people and organizations throughout the United States - wanted to help the people of Japan by providing Kids Against Hunger's food. We made one million meals available and began searching for a trustworthy and reliable partner who could help us transport and deliver these meals to the Japanese people.

We contacted the U.S. Navy as we have built a strong relationship with them for food shipments. We shipped one container of food (285,120 meals) to San Diego where the meals would be ready to be loaded on a ship for transport to Japan. However, the U.S. Navy subsequently explained that they could not send the meals to Japan since the Japanese government did not end up requesting food aid (to ship food to Japan the U.S. Navy needed an official request from the Japanese government and such a request never materialized).

We also contacted Convoy of Hope, an organization that was moving food into the area for another organization. They explained that they had a container with similar food sitting in customs in the Philippines, but had not been able to get clearance for the food. We also contacted two other organizations that were working on getting humanitarian relief food into Japan. To the best of our knowledge, no one has been able to get this type of food into Japan.

We do not want to take the risk of sending Kids Against Hunger's meals and having them get caught up in customs and not actually delivered. Now the immediate need has passed and we are going to continue trying to work the channels we have, but the food we had originally set aside for shipment to

New Donation Boxes Available

Looking for a way to contribute financially to Kids Against Hunger, but aren't sure how to raise the funds?



How about using our new "Box of Hope" in your fund-raising efforts? This handy little donation box (5"x3"x4") is available for purchase in any quantity for just \$0.49 each.

Call (763) 257-0202 for more info and to order.

Welcome to "KAH - Verde Valley"

The sun was shining and the temperature was in the upper 70's when Gary Korpi and Tim Stromer visited the Verde Valley of Arizona to participate in the "launch" of Kids Against Hunger's 88th satellite packaging center. Karen Freeman and her team had planned a great kick-off event held at Verde Valley Christian School on the campus of Verde Baptist Church in Cottonwood, Arizona on April 16th. Nearly 150 volunteers came together to package 28,512 meals which will be delivered to Jubilee Blanc on the outskirts of Gonaives, Haiti, an organization run by Emory and Mary Wilson.

Download the Annual Report

The electronic version of Kids Against Hunger's 2010 Annual Report is now available for download by clicking [here](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org/PDF/2010annualreport.pdf) (www.kidsagainsthunger.org/PDF/2010annualreport.pdf).

We will also make it available on our [web site](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org) (www.kidsagainsthunger.org) shortly.

FAQs about the Kids Against Hunger Food

From time to time, we are asked about the components of Kids Against Hunger's meals and possible allergens. Here are the answers to a few frequently asked questions:

Are the meals vegetarian?

Yes, the food is actually completely vegan. However, since not all the ingredients are [vegan-certified](#), we generally call it "vegetarian".

Do the meals contain peanuts?

No, there are no peanuts in the food and all our suppliers have confirmed that the individual ingredients come from facilities that do not process peanuts or other nuts.

Are the meals Kosher?

The food is not Kosher-certified, but all individual ingredients are kosher certified - with the exception of the vitamin powder.

Are the meals made from GMO ingredients?

Yes, the textured vegetable protein (soy) comes from GMO (genetically modified organisms) soy beans. This is commonplace in soy production. Our suppliers follow rigorous government and

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- Gary Korpi, Director of Satellite Operations



international standards and research confirms that it is safe for human consumption.

Are the meals gluten-free?

Yes, the food contains no gluten.

Recent Food Shipments

In April, our nutritious rice-soy casserole was shipped to the following countries:

285,120 meals to Pakistan

285,120 meals to Haiti

377,992 meals to various countries (via U.S. Navy)

Richard's "Eleven Who Care" Award

KARE 11, a Minneapolis television station, has named Richard Proudfit, Kids Against Hunger's Founder and President, one of the "Eleven Who Care". The Eleven Who Care program recognizes the amazing efforts of volunteers and promotes the spirit of volunteerism that is so important to this community.

A news reporter visited our office two weeks ago to tape a packaging session and to interview Richard. The segment will air at the end of May on KARE 11.

The highlight of the launch event happened when Emory Wilson stood up and talked about how the food being packaged was going to change the lives of hundreds of kids. What began as a simple feeding program has grown into an entire community project that includes new homes, a primary school for kids, health clinics, a trade school for adults, and access to clean water.

Upcoming Events

Have you recently checked out the "[Events](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org/events.shtml)" (www.kidsagainsthunger.org/events.shtml) page on our website? It is a great way to find out more about upcoming events and what is happening with Kids Against Hunger.

Don't forget to check out our [FaceBook](https://www.facebook.com/kidsagainsthunger) (www.facebook.com/kidsagainsthunger) page as well for frequent news updates.



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