

# Kids Against Hunger®

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

## Newsletter October 2010

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### Why do you volunteer your time to help Kids Against Hunger?

"I love the fact that I can involve all the children at the same time. Down to the toddler, we can line them up and let them be a part of feeding a starving child, in a tangible way."

- Kelly M.

"A young man, 16 years old, was very excited about it and kept telling me about it. Anything that is good for the world and can hold the interest of a 16 year old boy, I want to know about that."

- John W.

"Because WHY Kids Against Hunger does what they do is more important than HOW or even WHAT."

- Michael L.

"Volunteering to help prepare

### Eighty-three satellites and counting...

On Saturday, August 28th, an excited group of volunteers led by Loretta Jobs and her team, gathered in Murray, KY, to launch Kids Against Hunger's 78th food packaging satellite.



Loretta Jobs (left) with her team of volunteers.

The group met at Stahler's Dairy & Poultry Farm and packed 14,256 meals which will go to Needline, the local foodshelf, for their backpack program. Needline plans to distribute 256 meals per week.

the meals is essential to the Kids Against Hunger, but the operation could not exist without donations large and small from individuals and corporations. Each and everyone doing what he or she can to help each other - now that is what life is all about!"

- Linda W.

"We love packing food as a family!!"

- Rhonda O.

"God is still speaking and He commanded that we feed His starving children."

- Mike D.

"I searched you out after seeing a heartbreaking video that has haunted me, and drove me to try to do at least SOMETHING. I was so impressed by your food. It seemed the most effective of all the other sites I searched. I will have visions of those little souls for the rest of my life, and i pray that helping you will help them."

- Shari A.



In September, we also welcomed five additional food packaging satellites to the feeding network of Kids Against Hunger:

- KAH - Effingham (IL)
- KAH - Owings Mills (MD)
- KAH - Central PA (check out [this news article](#) for more info)
- KAH - Northridge (CA)
- KAH - Shelton (CT)

To find a Kids Against Hunger satellite near you, please [click here](#).

For information on how to set up a food packaging satellite in your own community, [click here](#).

## Muslims and Methodists package meals together for Haiti



On August 21st, members of Ja'fari Islamic Center, an Islamic community center in Brooklyn Park (MN) packaged meals alongside members of the Brooklyn Park Methodist Church congregation. The Islamic Center's coordinator, Sameer Parmar, said that the group of

volunteers learned valuable lessons from packing food for others while fasting and that charity is an important part of Ramadan, a time when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.

This food packaging session took place at Kids Against Hunger's Headquarters office in New Hope, MN. It was a pleasure watching a Christian church group and a group of Muslims working together to accomplish good in the world while learning from each other along the way.

*To schedule a food packaging session at the New Hope (MN) facility of Kids Against Hunger, please [click here](#). If you have a larger group, please call our [office](#) to schedule a session.*

## Volunteer experiences the impact of our food first-hand



In February 2010, shortly after the Haiti earthquake, Grace Community Church in Noblesville (IN) raised the monies to pack over 440,000 meals. There was so much excitement that volunteer spots for this event were filled within a couple of hours. Over 1,000 people helped package meals to be sent through Nehemiah Vision Ministries... Little did they know that one of their very own would see the effects of these exact meals. Barry Rodriguez, son of Grace senior Pastor Dave Rodriguez, was recently on a trip to Haiti and he made a coincidental discovery:

"The other day I discovered that in the tent I've been staying in here in Haiti, one of Grace Community Church's food packages made it to my host family! The date on the box matches when you guys did the food packing! Long story short, Grace people helped feed my Haitian host family in a very desperate time. Cool how connections like that can happen, isn't it?"

The picture above shows the Haitian host family's children with Kids Against Hunger's food box.

## Matching gift opportunity



Did you know that more than 15,000 companies offer to match charitable donations made by their employees? Some even match more than 100%. In many cases, the only qualification is for the charity to be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Check with your company's Human Resources department for details and help us feed more children and families in need by doubling the value of your donation!

## The need in Haiti continues...

The Haitian people will suffer from the devastating effects of the January earthquake for many years to come. Kids Against Hunger will continue to send as many meals to Haiti as we can.

The people of Haiti need our help and **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** by:

1. Contributing financially - [click here](#) to learn more.
2. Volunteering your time to package meals - [click here](#) to view available dates and times.
3. Inviting your friends to join you in supporting Kids Against Hunger in feeding the children of the world.
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