



# HUNGER SUNDAY

THE END OF HUNGER BEGINS WITH THE CHILD



FOOD FOR  
THE HUNGRY

FAQS

## WHAT IS HUNGER SUNDAY?

Hunger Sunday is a nation-wide day in partnership with Food for the Hungry to spread awareness about child sponsorship.

## WHEN IS HUNGER SUNDAY?

We've designated May 7th the official Hunger Sunday in an effort to unify churches all across the country, however if your church has a scheduling conflict and cannot commit to May 7th, we're happy to help you select another day that is more convenient.

## WHY CHILD SPONSORSHIP?

When you sponsor a child you not only walk with that child, but with their entire community. Through child sponsorship, Food for the Hungry can actively partner with churches, leaders, and families to build transformational relationships, usher justice, and renew communities so God's purpose is revealed in each person we serve.

We seek to end ALL forms of human poverty by going into the hard places and closely walking with the world's most vulnerable people. Children who are sponsored with Food for the Hungry are at the core of what drives community development. As a sponsor, your monthly gift and caring response can help a child, and the child's community, break free from the cycle of poverty.

## DOES MY MONEY GO DIRECTLY TO MY CHILD'S FAMILY?

Our mission is to develop families and communities so that they will work together to advance toward their God-given potential. As such, your donations are never given directly to your sponsored child or their family. This would promote an unhealthy dependency and we could not assure you that your money is being put to good use. Rather, our field staff manages your contributions to produce our Child-Focused Community Transformation Program, which equips the community to care for children. Your sponsored child and his/her family receive the benefits the program offers through your support – all toward the goal of bringing about transformation in their lives and in the community.

## CAN YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE?

John lives in the Philippines. He was eight years old when he became a sponsored child with FH. His parents work hard, but still have a hard time providing for their three children. Now, at age 11 John attends school and other Bible classes. John is also learning to play the guitar with the help of a youth volunteer and he hopes to serve on the worship team at his church in the near future. **See more of John's story here: [fh.org/newsletter/june2015](http://fh.org/newsletter/june2015)**

**You can find many more stories just like John's here: [fh.org/impact-report](http://fh.org/impact-report)**

## WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN WE WILL BE HELPING?

Your sponsorship will help children from Asia, Africa and Latin America where Food for the Hungry works. If your church decides to partner in a specific community, we can provide packets from one community. Please contact a Church Representative for more information about locations available for partnership.

## WHY SHOULD MY CHURCH DO THIS?

25,000 children die everyday from hunger related causes. In places like Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Guatemala thousands of children go to bed hungry every night. We believe the church is called to be a part of God's plan to bring His Kingdom and end world hunger – beginning with the child. We know you have a lot to do in your own community, so let Food for the Hungry extend your reach globally.

## WHO IS FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY?

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Our view of poverty is holistic and complex. Our solutions are innovative and community-specific. We courageously seek out the overlooked and advocate for the underserved. We're unrelenting and we do what others claim can't be done.

We honor the people we serve by inviting them to contribute to the process. Through community-owned transformation we empower children, families and communities to invest in their own development. We are agents of change. We work, we feed, we teach, we love, but we know when it's time to leave.

More than anything, we want to see poverty end and people thrive.

## WHAT ABOUT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY?

We exceed the standards of several watchdog groups, including the National Charities Information Bureau, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, Accord and others. Food for the Hungry also consistently receives high ratings from charity evaluators such as Charity Navigator.

**Our annual report is available at: [fh.org/annualreport2015](http://fh.org/annualreport2015)**

## HOW CAN MY CHURCH CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE CHILD SPONSORSHIP AFTER HUNGER SUNDAY?

Anyone can sign up to be a child sponsor through our website. When someone chooses to sponsor a child online, Food for the Hungry will send him/her a Welcome Kit within two weeks through the mail.

## **HOW CAN MY CHURCH CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE CHILD SPONSORSHIP AFTER HUNGER SUNDAY? (CONTINUED)**

Individuals may visit our website and sponsor a child from their global community partner. If your church is not listed please ask your Team Leader to contact us to set up a sponsorship link for your church.

## **WHAT DO I DO WITH THE CANNED FOOD THAT WAS BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH?**

Sometimes people confuse us with a food bank, but that's okay! Since Food for the Hungry is not equipped to distribute food from the U.S. to partner communities, you can donate any food and non-food items that are donated to the church to a local food bank or other local charity of your choice.

## **WHAT IF MY CHURCH WOULD RATHER MAKE A ONE-TIME DONATION TO FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY?**

We'd love for your church to participate in that way! Please make any one-time gifts payable to:

Food for the Hungry  
Attn: Strategic Partnerships  
1224 E Washington St  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

You can direct them to our Church Engagement Team at [C2C@fh.org](mailto:C2C@fh.org) or by calling 480.998.3100 and ask for a Church Engagement Representative.