

TALKING POINTS



NEED SOME HELP CRAFTING YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE STAGE? HERE ARE SOME TALKING POINTS THAT CAN HELP YOU TO BEST PREPARE:

THE POVERTY PROBLEM

- It's not okay that 25,000 children die everyday from hunger related causes
- It's not okay that mother's don't have access to the medical supplies they need to keep their children healthy
- It's not okay that 12-year old girls are forced into marriages because their families can't afford to care for them any longer
- It's not okay that disasters, wars, and social injustices keep people from access to clean water
- It's not okay for us to do nothing.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

- **Psalm 146:5-7:**
Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
- **Matthew 25:40:**
The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
- **Isaiah 58:6-10:**
Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will

cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

WHO IS FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY?

- Christ-centered non-profit humanitarian organization seeking to end all forms of human poverty and eliminate physical and spiritual hungers
- Works in over 20 countries in Africa, Latin America, and Asia
- Goes into the hard places and closely walks with the world's most vulnerable people to build transformational relationships, usher justice, and renew communities
- We courageously seek out the overlooked and advocate for the underserved.
- Through community-owned transformation we empower children, families and communities to invest in their own development.

HOW DOES FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY HELP TO END POVERTY?

- Food for the Hungry focuses on children because they're the most vulnerable in any society. When a community is equipped to care for them, everyone is served and poverty is eliminated.
- They focus on four main sectors, which are all applied with the principles of a biblical worldview. They are:
 - Health: Hygiene, nutrition, maternal and newborn care, and disease prevention and treatment
 - Education: Early childhood development, early grade success, ongoing educational opportunities, character building
 - Livelihoods: Agriculture and livestock production, soil and water conservation, market linkages, and microfinance
 - Emergency Response/Disaster Risk Reduction: Community-managed risk assessment and disaster management planning.

WHAT WILL THE MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS?

Your generous donations will enable Food for the Hungry to serve vulnerable people in a variety of ways including:

- Clean water
- Sustainable food sources
- Education for children
- Preparing villages to mobilize for disasters
- Improving income for families through skills training

WHAT MAKES FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY DIFFERENT THAN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?

- We have a specific approach to entering, partnering with and graduating a community, so that they become self-sustaining and no longer rely on the support of others.
- We take a holistic approach with physical/spiritual integration and the application of Biblical worldview
- We harness and mobilize the involvement of churches like us to serve the vulnerable.
- We use evidence-based behavior change and focus on measuring results, learning from them in order to improve impact.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

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