



Press release for Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and Arkansas No Kid Hungry Campaign
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Share Our Strength Grant Money Awarded to Arkansas Summer Meals Sponsors

LITTLE ROCK (August 8, 2013)— Forty-six sponsors in 24 counties around the state received Share Our Strength 2013 Summer Meals grants. Authorized USDA Summer Food Service Program sponsors who applied were awarded grants between \$800 and \$4,500 (depending on the number of sites operated) to help them build the capacity of their programs. Such capacity building could take many forms from new kitchen appliances to recreational or educational equipment to transportation and personnel. Statewide, more than \$97,000 in grant money was distributed to summer meals sponsors across Arkansas.

The Arkansas No Kid Hungry Summer Meals program was designed to connect local churches, nonprofits, and civic groups that want to feed children during the summer with the USDA reimbursement funds available for that purpose through the Arkansas Department of Human Services. As an added incentive to encourage groups and organizations to become summer meals sponsors, Share Our Strength, a national non-profit group dedicated to eliminating childhood hunger, offers additional monies in the form of capacity building grants through the Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign.

Groups or organizations wishing to feed children when school is not in session—whether in the summer or after school— and are interested in applying for upcoming capacity building grants—contact Justin Keller, Out-of-School Program Director at jkeller@arhungeralliance.org. For information about our No Kid Hungry programs, go to <http://www.arhungeralliance.org/programs/no-kid-hungry/>

The Arkansas No Kid Hungry Campaign is a cooperative effort of the Arkansas Governor's office, The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education Health and Nutrition unit, Arkansas Department of Education and Share Our Strength.

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About the Alliance

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 250 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas including the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfolk, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bethel Heights and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith

who are dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, education and advocacy. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs and volunteer opportunities.