



# MOBILE HUNGER FIGHT INFORMATION

We can bring the fight to end hunger to your company, church, school or community organization. This is a very convenient option for you and your team. We have hosted hundreds of Mobile Hunger Fights across the Midwest. Below you will find important information on how to organize a Meals from the Heartland Mobile Hunger Fight.

## Hunger Fight Managers (a.k.a. event manager): This is how we are better than the rest!

Our Hunger Fight Managers are experts in hosting meal packaging service-learning projects. We are on-site to make sure everything is done according to food safety protocol, that we hit the target with meals packaged, and most importantly – that everyone has a great time! We manage events from 20,000 to 5,000,000 meals. A majority of our events sign up again the following year so we must be doing something right.

## Meals from the Heartland will provide:

- Food ingredients (funded by your organization), packaging materials/supplies, and all necessary packaging equipment.
- Education about local & global hunger issues and training of all volunteers (packagers and support)
- Logistical Support – trucking / transportation, load in / out requirements, room layout / floor plans
- Volunteer sign-up tools and support as needed.
- Fundraising suggestions and support as needed.
- Distribution of food to mission partners to children and families in need both local and global.

## Consideration and Support needed to sponsor a Mobile Hunger Fight:

- Funding: The cost to produce one **Hearty Pack or Taco Mac** meal is just .20 cents. Your group will need to raise the funds to pay for the meals that your group will package.
- Volunteers:
  - **“Packagers”**: 10 volunteers per packaging line (range of 8 to 12 volunteers) will average 2,000 meals per hour.
  - **“Bucket Brigade”**: Help keep tables restocked with supplies. Need to be able to lift 50 lbs. easily.
  - **“Pack Masters”**: Help train the Packagers at each packaging line. Quality control. Experience as a Packager helpful.
  - **“Set-up/Clean-up”**: About 5 to 10 strong volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up. Tasks may include helping with unloading / loading delivery truck, setting up packaging lines, filling product into tubs, making boxes, running extension cords.
- Facility: Size needed depends upon how many packaging lines, amount of food you plan to package and number of volunteers who will be onsite. Meals from the Heartland staff can help define the appropriate space for the estimated size of your group and meal goals.
- Tables: Two (2) eight food tables per packaging line preferred. A “U” shape line needs 2 eight foot + a six foot table (this will make 2 packaging stations).
- Electrical: Power is needed at one end of the packaging line (for the heat sealers). We will provide the extension cords.
- Audio / Visual: In the training area to show a video we will need a laptop with internet connection (or DVD player), LED projector or TV. An audio system with a microphone for music and announcements is suggested (not required).
- Waste Management: Disposal and / or recycling (card board boxes) of waste after the event.
- Minimum of 20,000 meals required for a Mobile Hunger Fight. This minimum increases the further from our warehouse in West Des Moines is to your location.

## Additional Information:

Please contact our Hunger Fight Managers for more information or with additional questions at [contact@mealsfromtheheartland.org](mailto:contact@mealsfromtheheartland.org) or phone; 515.473.9530.