



PACKAGING CENTER HUNGER FIGHT INFORMATION

357 Lincoln St., West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

(Located just south of the intersection of 63rd Street and Railroad Avenue in West Des Moines)

Help fight hunger year round by sponsoring a Hunger Fight event at the Patty Cownie Center, home of Meals from the Heartland, for your company, church group, school group or community organization. Below you will find important information on how to organize a Hunger Fight at our Packaging Center.

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!

Meals from the Heartland will provide:

- Food ingredients (funded by your organization), packaging materials / supplies, and all necessary equipment.
- Education about local and global hunger issues and training of all volunteers (packagers and support)
- Volunteer sign-up tools and support as needed.
- Fundraising suggestions and support as needed.
- Distribution of food to mission partners for children and families in need both local and global.

Support necessary to sponsor a Packaging Center Hunger Fight:

- 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.
- Funding: The cost to produce one **Hearty Pack** or **Taco Mac** meal is just .20 cents, or \$1.20 per bag. You will need to raise the funds to pay for the meals your group will package.

Additional Information:

- To reserve a Hunger Fight at the Packaging Center, we require a commitment to fund a minimum of 5,000 meals for a \$1,000 donation.
- Our Packaging Center has a capacity of about 120 packagers (12 packaging lines). Our Training Room has a capacity of about 70. For large groups of 70+ we prefer that you arrive in 2 groups about 30 minutes apart.
- Meal breakdown - one bag contains six meals and one box contains 36 bags or 216 meals.

Please contact our Hunger Fight Managers for more information or with additional questions at contact@mealsfromtheheartland.org or phone; 515.473.9530.