



Hunger Fight Information at a Location of Your Choice

Help fight hunger year-round by sponsoring a Hunger Fight event at a location of your choice for your company, organization, church group, service club, school or community organization. We have listed important information below on how to organize a Hunger Fight at the location of your choice. Another option is to organize a Hunger Fight at the Meals from the Heartland packaging center, located at 357 Lincoln Street in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Mobile Hunger Fight at a location of your choice:

Hunger Fight events provide the opportunity for your group to sponsor a meal packaging event at a location of your choice. Consider the following when planning an event.

Meals from the Heartland will provide:

- Food ingredients (funded by your organization), packaging materials/supplies and all necessary packaging equipment.
- Education, training and support (we help with planning and are present during the event for setup, orientation, etc.)
- Fundraising suggestions/support if needed.
- Distribution of food to mission partners to children and families in need.

Support necessary to sponsor a Hunger Fight:

- 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-foot tables per packaging line (10 people) preferred.
- Electrical: Power is needed at one end of the packaging line for the heat sealers.
- Volunteers:
 - Packaging the food: 10 volunteers per packaging line will average 2,000 meals per hour.
 - Setup/Cleanup: help setup, cleanup and wash packaging equipment and containers before returning to warehouse. Training provided.
- Funding: The cost to produce one rice and soy meal is 20 cents or \$1.20 per bag. The cost to produce one macaroni and cheese meal is 25 cents or \$1.50 per bag. Your group will need to raise the funds to purchase ingredients for the meals packaged at your event.
- Transportation of materials and equipment: If Meals from the Heartland provides transportation, a trucking fee will apply. If you provide the transportation, you will need to contact us for specifications.
- Audio: A radio or microphone for music, announcement and education information about Meals from the Heartland during the packaging process is suggested (not required).
- Waste management: recycling or disposal of waste after the event.
- Minimum of 20,000 meals required per Hunger Fight.

Please contact us for more information or with additional questions at contact@mealsfromtheheartland.org or by phone at 515-473-9530.