



Packaging Center Hunger Fight Information

Help fight hunger year-round by sponsoring a Hunger Fight in our Packaging Center at 357 Lincoln Street in West Des Moines for your company, organization, church group, school or community. Please see information below on how to organize a Hunger Fight at the packaging center.

Mobile Hunger Fight at Packaging Center:

Hunger fight events can be scheduled at our packaging center at 357 Lincoln Street in West Des Moines, Iowa. It's just south of Valley Junction, west of 63rd Street on Lincoln Street.

Meals from the Heartland will provide:

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

Support necessary to sponsor a packaging center hunger fight:

- Volunteers:
 - Package the food: 10 volunteers per packaging line will average 2,000 meals per hour. Eight to ten volunteers per packaging line are recommended with a maximum of 100 volunteers per shift.
 - Cleanup: Help sweep floors, wash dishes and put away packaging equipment and containers at the end of the packaging event.
- 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. Meal breakdown - one bag contains six meals and one box contains 36 bags or 216 meals.
 - To reserve a private hunger fight at the packaging center, we require a commitment to fund and package a minimum of 5,000 meals (cost, \$1,000).
 - An option currently available for individuals, families and small groups are open shifts. These opportunities are "first come, first serve" with online registration, and while specific funding is not required, we need donations help keep opportunities like this possible.

Additional Information:

Through our valuable partnerships with Convoy of Hope, Des Moines area food pantries, and other partners, we have distributed more than 40 million meals to hungry children and families in central Iowa, New Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Philippines, South Africa and Tanzania.

Thank you again for your interest. In addition to our Annual Hunger Fight event each Labor Day weekend, Packaging Center Hunger Fights lead us closer to becoming the hunger fighting capital of the world! We hope you will join us!

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