

# Packaging Center Hunger Fight Information

357 Lincoln St., West Des Moines, IA 50265

(located just south of Valley Junction)

Help fight hunger year-round by sponsoring a Hunger Fight at the Patty Cownie Center, home of Meals from the Heartland, for your friends and family, company, church or school group or community organization.

## How to organize a Hunger Fight at our Packaging Center

- 1 Hunger Fight Managers (a.k.a. event managers): *This is how we're better than the rest!***  
Our Hunger Fight Managers are experts in hosting meal packaging service-learning projects. We are here 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!
- 2 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 issue and training of all volunteers (packagers and support)
  - Volunteer sign-up tools and support as needed.
  - Fundraising tools and support as needed.
  - Distribution of food to mission partners for children and families in need both locally and globally.
  - New, state-of-the-art packaging facility with 3,300 square feet of space.
- 3 Support necessary to sponsor a Packaging Center Hunger Fight:**
  - Volunteers:
    - “Packagers” - 5-10 volunteers per packing line will average 2,000 meals per hour.
    - “Bucket Brigade” - Help keep tables restocked with supplies. Need to be able to lift up to 50 lbs. easily.
  - Funding: The cost to produce one Hearty Pack or Taco Mac meal is just .25 cents or \$1.50 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 \$1,250 donation.
- Our Packaging Center has a capacity of approximately 120 packagers. Our Training Room has a capacity of approximately 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.

Contact our Hunger Fight Managers for more details!  
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