

CORE PARTNERS

THEN THE KING WILL SAY
TO THOSE ON HIS RIGHT
"COME,
YOU WHO ARE BLESSED
BY MY FATHER,
INHERIT THE KINGDOM
PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE
FOUNDATION
OF THE WORLD.
FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU
GAVE ME FOOD,
I WAS THIRSTY AND
YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
I WAS A STRANGER
AND YOU WELCOMED ME.
I WAS NAKED AND
YOU CLOTHED ME,
I WAS SICK AND
YOU VISITED ME
I WAS IN PRISON
AND YOU CAME TO ME."
AND THE KING WILL ANSWER THEM,
"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,
AS YOU DID TO ONE OF
THE LEAST OF THESE,
YOU DID IT
TO ME."
Matthew 25:34-36, 40

At The Core partners with Second Harvest Food Bank to provide weekend meals to hungry kids who depend on free breakfast and lunch during the week at their school. Each child receives a kit of food, tucked discreetly in their backpack on Friday. Each food kit includes: 2 shelf-stable milks, 2 bowls of cereal, a cup of applesauce and cup of peaches, 2 cans of Chef-Boy-R-Dee pasta: Ravioli and Beefaroni, apple juice, grape juice, a package of cheese and crackers, a package of sunflower seeds, and a package of trail mix.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

1. At The Core partners your church with a local school in your neighborhood. Where applicable, your church may choose which school/schools you want to adopt.
2. At The Core, along with a representative from your church, meets with the school administration and staff to offer the program and get an estimate of the number of children who will need this support.
3. At The Core partners with the church leaders and liaison (as needed/wanted) to inspire sponsors and recruit and train volunteers for the program.
4. Second Harvest Food Bank procures, divides, and packages each individual food kit per child and boxes the kits up 5/6 kits to a box. Your Bite To Go liaison and team can choose to either
 - Pick up food kits weekly from Second Harvest –or–
 - If your church has or can obtain enough safe storage space, Second Harvest can deliver a month's worth of food kits to your church or site of your choosing.
5. Your Bite-2-Go volunteer team delivers a week's worth of food kits to your adopted school
6. A school staff member places each child's food kit discreetly in their backpack on Friday. Children receiving the food are anonymous to those who sponsor them, and to the rest of the kids at school. Despite the anonymity, God's great name is made known in the lives of the children and families receiving the food, and in the school! There is not enough room to pen the countless stories of blessing we have already seen in Jesus' name!

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WHAT AT THE CORE PROVIDES TO HELP MAKE YOUR PROGRAM A SUCCESS:

- 1. We work closely with church leaders and staff to identify a liaison—a point person from your church who will help organize and inspire congregants for the program.**
- 2. At The Core offers inspirational messages, videos, resources and statistics, and first-hand accounts of child food insecurity in your church's vicinity to get your congregation excited and eager to participate in this ministry in YOUR context.**
- 3. Our program coordinator for schools works hard to ensure that the school of your choosing is ready and equipped to do the work necessary on their end for program success.**
- 4. Our business coordinator can provide sponsor support for your church if the need at the school is greater than your church can provide.**
- 5. Our Bite-2-Go coordinator works closely with Second Harvest to make sure sponsorships are processed, products are delivered, storage space is safe and effective, and food kits are at the highest possible quality and value.**

At The Core provides innovation in inspiring sponsors, creative ways to augment the program in your context, and fresh ideas for making your Bite-2-Go program uniquely yours! We make it easy for your constituents to be as hands-on or off as fits the mission of your church!

"This program provides a way for us as a church, a body of Christ followers, to do God's will and feed the poor. We live in a world so overwhelmingly in a crisis of need, and we feel so incredibly insignificant in the area of resolve. Participating in the Bite-2-Go program is a positive step toward that resolve. Will our 30 pledges resolve hunger? No, but it WILL feed 30 hungry children—right in our very own neighborhood."

Sue Barfnecht
Missions Board Director
New Creation Fellowship

"At The Core builds the body of Christ by rallying entire communities around the effort to beat hunger in our own neighborhoods. It is schools and communities fulfilling the words of Jesus Christ. "When I was hungry, you gave me bread, when I was thirsty you gave me drink..."

Eric Whitley
Board Chair, Timberview Church

At The Core is a 501c3 non-profit organization. We serve as the system through which the Bite-2-Go program is marketed and implemented city-wide, with the help of Second Harvest Food Bank.

Want to see this program available to every child who needs it in our region and beyond? Donate securely online at www.lifeatthecore.org.

"At the Core is an outreach that truly blesses all who are involved. As a teacher, I am greatly comforted knowing that my most needy students are being fed throughout the weekends. The positive impact on their health and well being is reflected in their learning".

Therese Hunt, 4th Grade Teacher,
Riverside Elementary School

"The At The Core/Bite-2-Go programs mean so much to me. They exemplify a grass-roots effort to improve the lives of those among us. This group does God's work, never really seeing the faces or knowing who they are helping, but giving of their time, energy, and talents just the same. I close my eyes and

picture God's arms, reaching out to embrace those in need, and I see At The Core".

Debbie Wiechert
Social Worker, Meadowridge
Elementary School

"I am thrilled that the Free Methodist Church has been involved in the support of At The Core and Bite 2 Go programs. I encourage all churches and denominations to have an outward focus and support the needy in their own community, especially the children in our own backyards. At The Core has proven with great success that we can all play a part in supporting one another with Christ-like love.

Matthew Thomas
Bishop, Free Methodist Church