

Tennessee

HUNGER AT A GLANCE

25% of kids in Tennessee struggle with hunger

479,000

low-income children in Tennessee receive free or reduced-price school lunch.

The Problem

All of these kids are eligible for other critical meals, but too many are missing out.

Only 58%

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting school breakfast.

Only 12%

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting summer meals.



No Kid Hungry Campaign

No child should grow up hungry in America, but one in five children struggles with hunger. Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign is ending childhood hunger in Tennessee and all across America by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day. The No Kid Hungry campaign connects kids in need to effective nutrition programs like school breakfast and summer meals and teaches low-income families to cook healthy, affordable meals through its Cooking Matters program. This work is accomplished through the No Kid Hungry network, made up of private citizens, public officials, nonprofits, business leaders and others providing innovative hunger solutions in their communities.

Our Impact in Tennessee

Since 2011, the No Kid Hungry network has helped bring more than 34 million additional meals to kids who need them and created ways to replicate that success throughout the country. In Tennessee, the No Kid Hungry campaign is supporting expanding access to free meals in the summer. The campaign is also empowering families with the skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare healthy, affordable meals through Cooking Matters.

Stories of No Kid Hungry in Tennessee

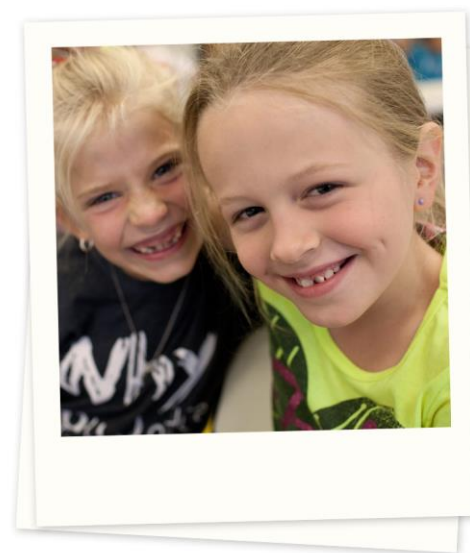
In the hills of Appalachia, hundreds of kids living in East Tennessee rely on the innovative summer meals program run by Of One Accord Ministries. With support from the No Kid Hungry campaign, One Accord has expanded their summer meals program to reach more kids in this impoverished region.

In rural towns like Rogersville, transportation can be a major obstacle for those who are in most need of healthy summer lunches. With help from No Kid Hungry, Of One Accord created "The Lunch Box" program to solve this problem. They renovated two school buses into mobile cafeterias that provide a place for kids to have lunch during the summer. Of One Accord drives The Lunch Box into trailer park communities, public parks, and community centers; the driver honks the horn; and kids run out, climb on the school bus, and have lunch.

These innovative programs are reaching kids who otherwise would go without food during the summer.

Our Partners in Tennessee

The No Kid Hungry network in Tennessee includes: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley • Fire Escape Ministries, Inc. • Of One Accord Inc. • Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee • Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee



Take Action

Learn more about how you can help end childhood hunger. **Take the No Kid Hungry pledge at NoKidHungry.org/Pledge**