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### Happy Holidays!

It's the season of giving! Milwaukee calls it Food For Families, and Hunger Task Force is the local leader in getting your holiday gifts delivered just in time to make a true holiday meal. You can count on us to provide a hopeful and hearty meal to your neighbors in need right here in Milwaukee.



Still, your gifts put more than just food on the table! Your donations assure that Hunger Task Force delivers the food to local

pantries. Staffed by seniors and volunteers, these emergency food pantries really appreciate delivery of what they need so they can focus on helping people with more than just food.

Your gift means fresh produce from The Farm! While it seems cold right now, planning is underway, and next year's seeds are being bought so that the summer is bountiful and the foods are fresh.

Hunger Task Force gives the community what it needs and when you give more, we give more. That's the power of giving. This holiday season, be generous!

Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director

## Ho-Ho-Holiday Cards On Sale

This holiday season, share tidings of good cheer while supporting your favorite Free & Local food bank! Our 2018 Holiday Card line is now available for purchase, with three fun designs. 100% of the proceeds from each and every card go to help feed Milwaukee's hungry in this time of high need.

#### **ORDER TODAY AT HUNGERTASKFORCE.ORG**

### TEACHERS SHOULDN'T GO HUNGRY





TONI BULLY IS A COLLEGE GRADUATE AND AN EDUCATOR, AND SHE DREAMS OF RUNNING A FOSTER SERVICE TO HELP CHILDREN. TONI IS ALSO BATTLING HUNGER.

"I'm a substitute elementary school teacher, but it doesn't pay enough to make ends meet. Before I talked to Hunger Task Force, I couldn't eat in a healthy way, and I would go to work light-headed. Hunger Task Force made sure I got connected with the programs I needed."

- Toni Bully

After a horrible car accident made teaching full-time nearly impossible for Toni, she became a substitute teacher. But the opportunities weren't always there, and eventually she could no longer afford food or an apartment. She would come to school bringing snacks for her hungry students, all while struggling to feed herself.

Finally, Toni visited the Project Concern Food Pantry, where she received an emergency supply of food and was connected to the FoodShare program. Toni thought if she accepted help, it would mean that children less fortunate than she might not have access to the help they need. Now, Toni is an advocate. She tells her story because she wants everyone to know that it's okay to ask for help, and that when you finally turn things around, you can help someone else.







# LET THE Spirit of the Season MOVE YOU!



#### **DEC. 6 | HOLIDAY TRAIN**

Choo-choose the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train for a night of holiday magic with your family! A food or cash donation to Hunger Task Force at the Intermodal Station gates will get you admission to see the magic, music and Santa himself!



#### DEC. 7 | 12 BARS OF CHARITY

Buy your tickets today for this epic pub crawl through downtown Milwaukee. \$10 of every ticket benefits Hunger Task Force, and every pub crawler gets a sweet blue & gold sweatshirt to proudly display their support of Free & Local!

### feedmilwaukee.org

#### DEC. 22 | FEED MILWAUKEE GALA

This college party turned black tie gala is now in its 14th year of supporting Hunger Task Force. Join the ranks of gala-goers at Turner Hall for a night of music, dancing, raffle prizes and much more!



#### DEC. 30 | TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA

Get your tickets to see the first ever Trans-Siberian Orchestra concerts at the new Fiserv Forum! \$1 from each ticket supports Hunger Task Force.





#### DEC. | HOME 4 THE HOLIDAYS

The most festive virtual food drive on the web is back! Point and click from the comfort of your favorite chair to instantly put holiday food on the table for local families in need.



Mark your calendars for these exciting events that spread holiday cheer all while helping Milwaukee families facing hunger.

### **HELP HUNGER TASK FORCE HIT OUR GOAL**



HUNGER TASK FORCE APPRECIATES MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF SUPPORT, BUT RIGHT NOW, "CASH IS KING." BY DECEMBER 31, WE MUST RAISE \$3,110,672 TO KEEP **OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMUNITY.** 

ash donations do more than simply provide food for the hungry. Your gift also fills our big blue trucks with fuel so we can deliver that food free of charge to local pantries and meal programs. It keeps our walk-in cooler nice and chilled so produce stays fresh. It turns canned goods into holiday foods and helps Hunger Task Force put more healthy food on the table for families.

#### Help Hunger Task Force hit that hometown goal!



Make a year-end gift today by placing a check in the enclosed envelope or donate online at HungerTaskForce.org.

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### WIN-WIN FOR HUNGER





Il Packers season long, Sargento is leading the way in local hunger relief through Touchdowns for Hunger. Every time the Green & Gold score a touchdown, Sargento donates \$1,000 to Hunger Task Force. And this year, there is a new reason for an end zone celebration.

Sargento wants all Packers fans to get into the game! Post your best touchdown dance on social media and use the hashtag #TDForHunger. For every post, Sargento will kick in an extra \$5 to Hunger Task Force! Go Pack Go and thank you Sargento!



# Looking Back, Planting Ahead

This season was a wild ride! From heavy rain to crazy weather, volunteers at The Farm battled it all to help grow a bounty of fresh produce for hungry Milwaukee families. Groups from all over the city came together to get the job done. Thank you to the hundreds of groups and individuals who joined us this season!

As the harvest season comes to a close, planning for a new year starts now. Your gift today ensures The Farm puts fresh produce on the table for many local families throughout the harvest season, ensures a healthy stock of seeds, fertilizer and irrigation tools for the coming spring.



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260 GROUPS JOINED THE FARM'S VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

#### Support The Farm! Make a gift today at HungerTaskForce.org.





The Farm has welcomed Kate Holter to the team! Kate is the new Dietitian Educator, coming to Hunger Task Force with 8 years' experience working with Milwaukee youth. Kate is responsible for hosting student field trips to The Farm where students engage in the care of school garden beds and cooking lessons, and learn the fundamentals of healthy eating and nutrition.

The Farm-To-School Nutrition Education Program is proud to continue work with several Milwaukee Public Elementary Schools, educating over 250 students weekly at The Farm and in the classroom.

>> For more information about our youth programming, contact Kate at; kate.holter@hungertaskforce.org.

### Policy Affects Hunger

orking in Milwaukee, Hunger Task Force serves a variety of individuals, each with unique backgrounds, stories and languages. In a fitting partnership, Hunger Task Force often collaborates with the International Learning Program (ILP), a respected resource in our community that provides English Language Learning, literacy and citizenship classes for refugees with little or no prior education.

This partnership is uniquely poised to help with a newly proposed change to the existing federal "public charge" rule. The changes would make it harder for immigrant families to access nutrition, health and housing benefits, resulting in:

- Increased hunger among immigrant families, including those with U.S. citizen children
- Escalated fear that deters eligible immigrant families from participating in FoodShare, swelling localized poverty
- Harming grocery retailers and agricultural producers by reducing FoodShare dollars that boost local economic activity

Hunger Task Force, in partnership with ILP, will continue to make sure that families receive the resources they need.

Your gift puts more than food on the table – it ensures that families who need help aren't afraid to ask for it, right here in our community.

>> Questions about FoodShare policy? Contact Maureen Fitzgerald at Maureen@HungerTaskForce.org.

### LEND A HAND TO FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Families facing hunger deserve the joy and warmth of a holiday meal, which is why 102.9 The HOG and Hunger Task Force have teamed up to Lend a Helping Ham.

Hop on board by donating a delicious ham for just \$15 throughout the month of December and help our neighbors in need!



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When you make a cash donation to Hunger Task Force, it puts more than just food on the table:

- It delivers food to local food pantries, free of charge
- It provides fresh produce from The Farm
- It helps a family prepare a holiday meal

### Be generous this holiday season.

Make your gift today at HungerTaskForce.org.

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#### **MAKE YOUR CASH DONATION TODAY!**

Send a gift in the enclosed envelope or donate online at HungerTaskForce.org before December 31.