



# OUR MISSION

## Leading the Charge to Solve Hunger in America

### Right now, someone you know could be staring at an empty plate.

In America today, 48 million people — including 15 million children and 5.4 million seniors — struggle with hunger. In the United States, the number of people at risk of hunger is holding steady at the highest rates ever recorded. The need is great; it touches every community in our nation. But where there is hunger there is also hope, because throughout the U.S. the Feeding America network of food banks is there to help.



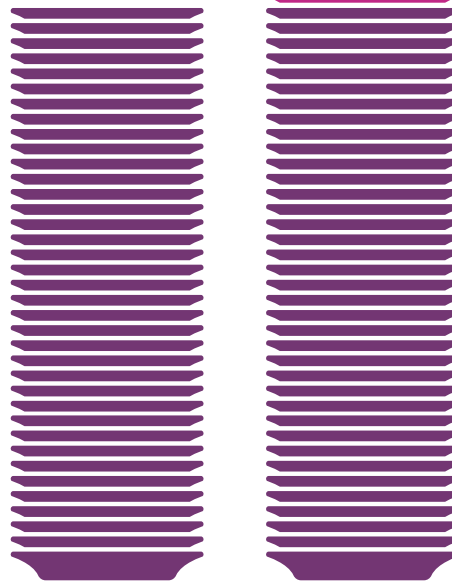
of households in the U.S with children are struggling with hunger.

**OUR MISSION**  
To feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger.

### Advancing hope for a hunger-free America.

As the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, Feeding America leads the charge to solve hunger in America. In 2010, Feeding America set a goal to provide 1 billion more meals annually by 2018 to people facing hunger. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have achieved this goal three years early, as you can see on the graph to the right.

Currently, the Feeding America network of food banks provides 3.7 billion meals to people facing hunger versus 2.6 billion meals in 2010.



2010

2016

### Well balanced meals are the foundation of good health.

The Feeding America network of food banks is helping people in need access healthy foods by sourcing and distributing more *Foods to Encourage* — foods that promote good health, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy and lean proteins. Today, 68 percent of food received by the network is classified as *Foods to Encourage*.



### Meet Victoria and her family

Victoria and Steven had everything they needed before they moved to take care of Victoria's ailing mother and aunt. They left their three bedroom house, Steven's job and moved their 3-year old son seven hours away because Victoria's mother needed them.

*"The food pantry has been a lifesaver. By giving us nutritious staples to get through the month, it's turned a situation that could have been one of hopelessness and despair into a hopeful one — where we can feed our family and hold our heads up high through a difficult, but temporary, time.*

*I know there is hope for the future,"* says Victoria.

