



THE
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KITCHENS
PROJECTSM

STUDENT POWERED HUNGER RELIEF

The Best Classroom on Campus is in the Kitchen.

The Campus Kitchens Project is empowering the next generation of student leaders to create innovative and sustainable solutions to hunger.

On university and high school campuses across the country, students transform unused food from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers' markets into meals that are delivered to local agencies serving those in need. By taking the initiative to run a community kitchen, students develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills, along with a commitment to serve their community, that they will carry with them into future careers. Each Campus Kitchen goes beyond meals by using food as a tool to promote poverty solutions, implement garden initiatives, participate in nutrition education, and convene food policy events.



Building Strong Partnerships.

Each Campus Kitchen is based on a partnership between the University, the student leaders, the local community, and the Dining Services team on campus.

In a typical week, a Campus Kitchen and its student volunteers:

- recover extra food from the on-campus Dining Services team
- receive food donations from other community sources such as grocery stores, farmers markets, or food banks
- lead teams of volunteers to prepare balanced meals from the donated food, supplementing with purchased food as necessary
- deliver meals to nonprofit partners in the community
- develop programs and services that will take the next step in addressing the root causes of hunger.

"It is such a simple idea-- but one of immense power and positive change."

-student leader, 2012

Developing Student Leaders.

While our programs ensure that our outcomes reach beyond simply delivering a meal day after day to fight hunger, they also have an impact on our student leaders. We are training the next generation of leaders to assess community issues and spark innovative ideas. We are an on-campus test kitchen for social entrepreneurship, where students learn to address social challenges through sustainable solutions.



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Our Impact Nationwide



in **2012**
at 33 schools



5,424
student volunteers



dedicated



47,364
volunteer hours



to recover
407,905
pounds of food

and
prepare
252,672
nutritious meals

delivered to:

163

community partner organizations



which serve:

9,268

clients



adding:

\$821,184

in economic value from meals provided*

1 in 6 AMERICANS



& 1 in 4 CHILDREN



don't know where their next meal will come from.



40% of U.S. food is wasted each year
Food waste costs Americans over \$165 billion each year
This waste accounts for 25% of methane emissions

9 in 10 CKP VOLUNTEERS



in leadership roles have learned how to start / manage a non-profit initiative.



100% of students say they're more likely to address food insecurity in their community after graduation 95% are more able to identify with the situation of the people we serve 91% of students feel more confident in their leadership abilities 45% say their participation has changed their career path