



Circle K International Service Committee **Food Insecurity and Homelessness Initiative**

Here are some ideas on how to get involved with the Food Insecurity and Homelessness Initiative developed by the Circle K International Service Committee. Food Insecurity and homelessness are global issues. By participating in projects dedicated to combating these problems you and your club are creating a better world for people everywhere.

Organizations	Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students Team Up to Fight Hunger — stufh.org STUFH is an organization that promotes hunger awareness and action. They not only provide ideas for service but also help to connect food pantries with college campuses. • UNICEF/WASH — unicef.org/wash By participating in the WASH project through UNICEF, clubs can provide clean water all over the world. Without clean water life can be very difficult. Easy access to clean water can provide means for food preparation, hygiene routines and overall better health. • Food Recovery Network — foodrecoverynetwork.org The Food Recovery Network combines fighting hunger and homelessness with eliminating waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food drives Food drives are great ways to promote awareness and collect materials to donate. • Community gardens Community gardens let your club give back to the community while getting directly involved with the impact. Clubs can create learning opportunities for youth in the communities as well as provide healthy and nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables to those in need. • Local food pantries Most areas have a local food pantry in which volunteers are needed for organizing and sorting food donations, serving food, food preparation and cleaning up. Some college campuses have student food pantries that clubs may be interested in working with as well.

There are over 200 chapters, with many on college campuses with CKI clubs, opening the door for partnership.

- **Habitat for Humanity** —

habitat.org

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build homes and uses affordable housing to strengthen communities. Habitat works in local communities across all 50 states in the US and 70 countries to achieve their goal of a world where every person has a decent place to live.

- **Feeding America** —

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/>

The Feeding America network is the nation's largest hunger-relief organization; they provide meals to people in need through a network of food banks and help address root causes of food insecurity. Feeding America's goal is to reduce food insecurity to allow families to secure other basic needs, such as employment, housing, healthcare, etc.

- **FoodCorps** —

foodcorps.org

FoodCorps is a part of the AmeriCorps service network whose mission is to work with communities to connect children with healthy food in schools. FoodCorps provides healthy food access and nutritional education to schools and communities to allow schools to become the place where kids can receive the nourishment they need.

- **Social media campaigns**

Creating awareness that there is a problem can create opportunities to fight the problem. By creating a social media campaign, clubs can promote problems that are local, national or global.

This can also be combined with a **Social media fundraiser** where people can send in money to help bring relief to the issues.

- **Clothing and hygiene drive**

Clubs can collect and donate clothes and hygiene products organizations that serve individuals in need.

- **Distribute food backpacks.**

Partner with another member of the Kiwanis family and create a backpack program at a local school. Collect ready-made food, fill the backpacks and distribute them to students in need. You can also include school supplies and clothing materials as well.

- **Make hats, scarfs or blankets**

Reach out to local businesses for donations or purchase materials to knit hats, scarfs or make blankets for homeless shelters.

- **Habitat for Humanity build**

Habitat for Humanity offers many volunteer opportunities from participating in a build with your local Habitat for Humanity, travelling to a global village and alternative school breaks for college students.

- **Meals on Wheels** —

mealsonwheelsamerica.org

Meals On Wheels helps to provide meals to seniors who have financial or mobility issues. Its goal is to help the nearly 9.5 million seniors in the U.S. threatened by food insecurity. Your club can get involved by fundraising, advocating or volunteering, including delivering meals.

- **United Way** —

unitedway.org

United Way's mission is to help improve people's lives by mobilizing communities. They focus education, health and financial stability. You can get involved through fundraising, raising awareness of community issues or volunteering with their day of action, tutoring students or even going on service-based spring break trips.