

FEED OUR CHILDREN

It's mid-morning on a school day, and Sophia is trying to pay attention to her teacher. But all she can think about is food. Her parents both work, but they don't earn enough to pay for housing, utilities, and transportation—and enough food to feed their family.

In Sophia's own community and across the country, churches are doing a lot to help. They sponsor food pantries and host community meals. But these and other private charities provide only one out of every 20 bags of groceries that feed people who are hungry. The federal government provides the rest.

That's why individuals and churches are taking part in Bread for the World's 2015 Offering of Letters. We are urging Congress to renew our federal government's major child nutrition programs, including those for school meals, summer feeding, and the WIC nutrition program for pregnant and new mothers along with their small children.

Every five years, Congress must re-authorize the law that funds these programs, which have helped so many children over the years. Thanks to the leadership of Bread for the World and its church partners, the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act expanded and improved these programs.

Even with those changes in 2010, only a little more than half of children receiving school lunches benefit from breakfasts. Summer meals are available for less than 10 percent of those children who count on lunches during the school year. Overall, one in five children lives at risk of hunger.

Now is the time to renew these national nutrition programs.

Be part of Bread's 2015 Offering of Letters by taking a few minutes to write letters to your members of Congress. Urge them to sustain the improvements made in 2010 and give more children access to school breakfasts and summer meals. Working together, we can be part of God's will on earth that all children receive the "daily bread" that enables them to learn, be healthy, and grow strong.



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Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. For more than 40 years, Bread for the World's members have helped win bipartisan support for measures that address the causes of hunger. Each year, thousands of churches from many different faith traditions take part in the Offering of Letters.

You can help feed our country's children

Join Bread for the World in urging our nation's decision makers to protect child nutrition programs from cuts and harmful policy changes and improve children's access to these programs. Please send a personal letter or email message to your members of Congress. You may wish to use the language in the sample letter below as a guide for preparing your own letter in your own words.

For more information about writing a letter to Congress, visit www.bread.org/OL.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Senator _____, or Dear Rep. _____,

As you consider renewing child nutrition programs this year, I urge you make sure children at risk of hunger can get the healthy meals they need to learn and grow.

Specifically, I urge you to protect child nutrition programs from cuts and harmful policy changes and improve children's access to these programs while not cutting other safety-net programs.

Child nutrition programs serve as a lifeline for America's vulnerable children and their families. As your constituent, I urge to protect and improve child nutrition programs.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address]

☐ I want to join thousands of others who are praying for a world without hunger. Please send me—free of charge—"Daily Prayers to End Hunger."

☐ Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to support the work of Bread for the World.

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