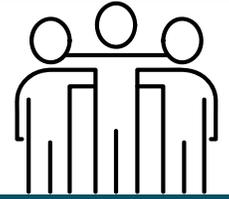


UNITING THE CHURCH. TRANSFORMING THE CITY.



Unite's mission is to inform, connect, and equip churches and their partners to care for their people and communities. We believe this is part of the redeeming and restoring work God is planning in advance for us to do, so we've been building partnerships and amassing the right tools to make that happen.

The Food Supply Chain and Hunger

Mobilizing the church and public to address hunger

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Texas has a higher than average amount of food insecurity across our state
- In DFW about 1/5 children are struggling with food insecurity
- Food insecurity when someone is not sure where they will find the money to put food on the table consistently throughout a given month
- 27% of children under the age of 18 live in a household in the Dallas area that has experienced some kind of food insecurity within the past year
- One out of every four children in a single classroom has parents who struggle with food insecurity
- Increased prices increase the bottom line costs of food charities, requiring them to fundraise much more in order to provide the same amount of resources that they would normally be able to provide.
- Many children in school suffer from food insecurity which greatly impacts their learning and performance in class

COMMUNITY STATISTICS

- There is a large group of the population willing to get involved in addressing hunger and would love to see the church aid in this as well
- The **Barna Group** has done local research this past year on how the DFW people have been feeling about the church, what their expectations and needs are, and how they have been practicing their faith during COVID:
 - 40% of DFW residents are moderately to extremely stressed about their finances
 - The majority of DFW residents expect churches to be involved in addressing social issues in their community and would be interested in getting help from them
 - 95% of churchgoers say their church cares about these kinds of challenges and 90% say they offer opportunities to get involved
 - 43% of unchurched say that churches care and 49% of unchurched say churches offer opportunities to get involved

HOW CAN I GIVE HELP?

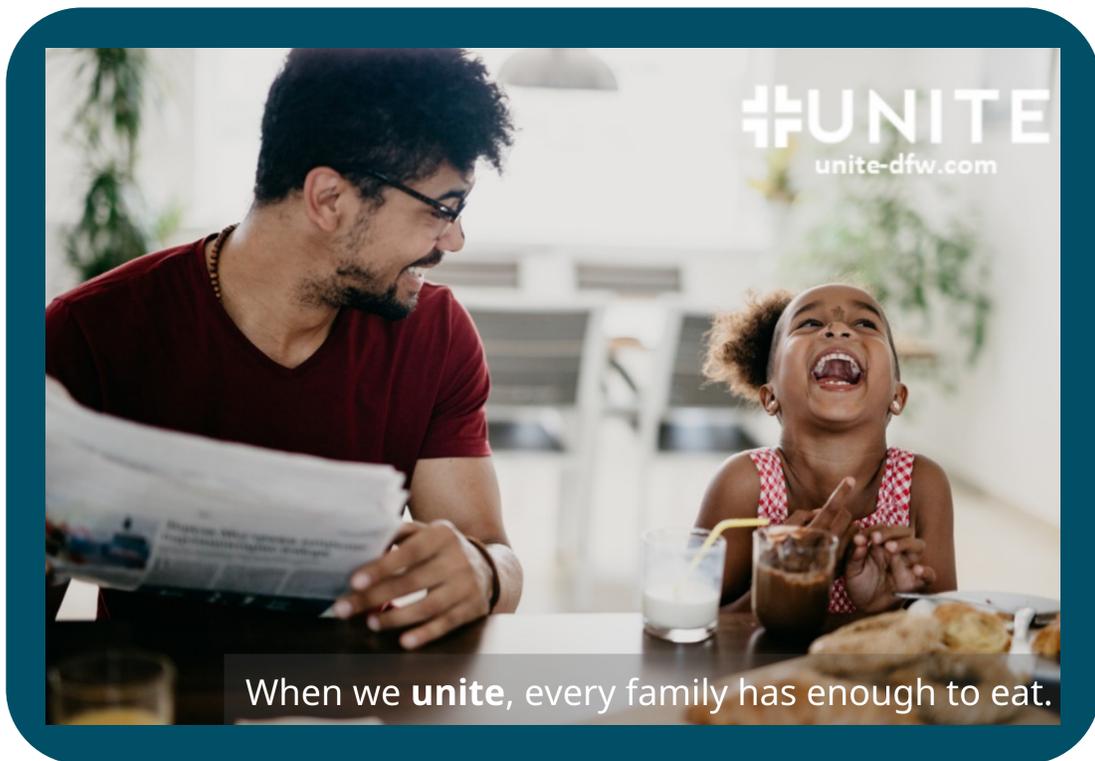
This is something we can all contribute to

- 1) Find out what is going on in your community through the [Tackle Hunger Map](#)
 - This map shows the location of local food charities and what their needs are
- 2) If you are a church, visit us at unitethechurch.org and fill out the form on the "join us" page
 - By doing so, we can help get you connected to a school that needs help in fighting against hunger
- 3) If you are an individual, visit us at unite-dfw.org
- 4) Find places to volunteer through [VOMO](#) and click the "give help" button
- 5) Become trained in how to use 3 easy tools to connect people to resources through Unite's [Navigator Training](#)

Did you know that one jar of peanut butter can serve about 15 meals?

HOW CAN I GET HELP?

If you or a loved one struggles with food insecurity (or any other issue), you can find ways to get help through [Helpfinder](#). If you are in need of assistance and would like someone to help navigate you through your situation, fill out the "get help" form at unite-dfw.org/connect



If you have any questions or would like more specific information on how to get involved, please contact jonathan@unitethechurch.org or rebecca@unitethechurch.org