

What programs help fight childhood hunger in the United States?

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act makes possible all the federal child nutrition programs, including the School Breakfast, National School Lunch, Child and Adult Care Food, Summer Food Service, and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable programs, as well as the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC).

Congress must renew these programs to ensure that low-income children have access to healthy and nutritious food where they live, play and learn.

Why should I write to my member of Congress?

Congress reviews these programs through the reauthorization process, which is occurring this year. Your voice will help ensure that your elected officials understand that Lutherans are dedicated to the well-being of children and families across the country who rely on these programs.

Tell your member of Congress why this issue is important to you!

- *Have you or someone you are close to benefited from these programs?*
- *As a Lutheran, why does the fight against childhood hunger matter to you?*

Dear _____,

Please support programs that fight childhood hunger in the United States!

As a Lutheran committed to the care of children and their families, I urge you to ensure the strongest possible funding for the important programs that feed vulnerable children in our communities, including WIC and the School Lunch Program.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,

Talking points for your postcard to Congress:

- This Act makes it possible for all school children in the United States to receive a nutritious breakfast every school day. More than 13.2 million children participate in the School Breakfast Program on a typical day.
- The National School Lunch Program provides free and reduced-cost lunches to low-income children, as well as reimbursement to schools to provide nutritious meals.
- WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) is a preventive program providing low-income pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children with nutritious food, nutrition education, and improved access to health care in order to prevent nutrition-related health problems in pregnancy, infancy and early childhood.
- In 2012, more than 8.9 million women, infants and children relied on WIC every month.

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If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday (Isaiah 58:10).

