

## Ending Childhood Hunger & Malnutrition in Vermont







Marissa Parisi Executive Director Hunger Free Vermont At \$8.73 per hour 2 full time workers at 40 hours per week would be approx.
-\$1884 each month

At \$10.10 per hour 2 full time workers at 40 hours per week would be approx.
-\$1147 each month

At \$12.50 per hour 2 full time workers at 40 hours per week would be approx.
-\$494 each month



\$723 Housing



\$995 Food



\$858 Transportation



\$300 Heat



\$990 Childcare



\$377 Healthcare

\$4243 per month\*

for a family of 4 to meet their basic needs

#### **HUNGER IN VERMONT**

- 14% of all Vermont households are food insecure (1 in 7)
- 20% of children under 18 live in food insecure households (1 in 5)
- Vermont compared to other states in the nation has one of the most severe food insecurity issues





### THE FORMULA

Children are fed healthful food wherever they are in their day.



Parents have the resources such as 3SquaresVT benefits that are adequate to purchase food for the family.



All those who need education on cooking and nutrition have access to it.



Charitable food is used only for emergencies.



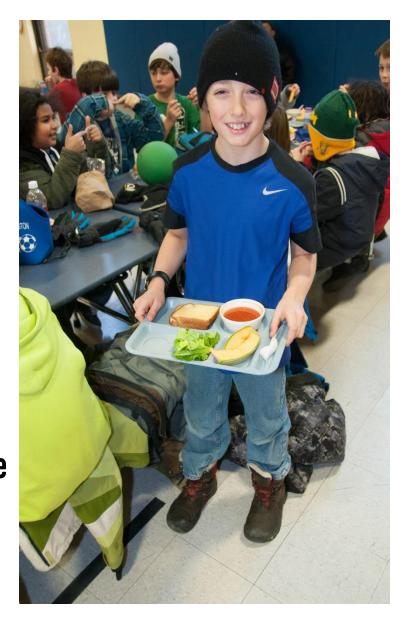
### **SCHOOL MEALS**

- 37,000 children in Vermont receive free or reduced price meals in school
- An average of 40% of children in Vermont qualify for free or reduced meals in school
- Vermont is the 1st state in the nation to offer free school meals to children in the "reduced price" category



# Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- A new option offered by the USDA for schools in high poverty areas to offer universal meals.
- At least 40% of all enrolled students must be directly certified to receive free school meals through CEP.
- The CEP formula for school reimbursement is: % of directly certified students X 1.6. Therefore the more directly certified students there are, the less cost to the town or school to operate the program.



### SCHOOLS ALREADY COMMITTED FOR 14-15



Winooski Elementary (John F. Kennedy School) – 445 students Winooski Middle School – 155 students Winooski High School – 259 students

The following Rutland City School District schools: Allen Street Campus – 35 students Northeast Primary School – 229 students Northwest Elementary School – 220 students Rutland Intermediate School – 625 students Rutland Middle School – 305 students

Barre City Elementary and Middle School – 925 students

The following Burlington School District schools: C.P. Smith Elementary School – 292 students Essex Early Education Center – 82 students Hunt Middle School – 335 students Integrated Arts Academy—287 students J.J. Flynn Elementary School – 333 students ONTOP/Horizon School – 56 students Sustainability Academy – 194 students

Total students affected: about 4,700!

# SUMMER MEALS & AFTERSCHOOL

- 8,000 of the 37,000 children receiving free meals during the school year have access to meals in the summer.
   Schools using CEP become eligible to operate open summer meal programs!
- In 2010 there were 8 afterschool meal programs serving 371 children. There are now 42 programs enrolled serving 3,050 children and 14 new programs will start this year.



### **HOW CAN YOU HELP**

- Ensure Direct Certification lists to schools are accurate and help schools to determine if specific children are directly certified.
- Bring attention to school districts taking on this program. Celebrate successes such as improved attendance, test scores, and behavior in students.
- Help find ways for schools just over the 40% mark to make up the funding gap to use the program.





# **THANK YOU!**