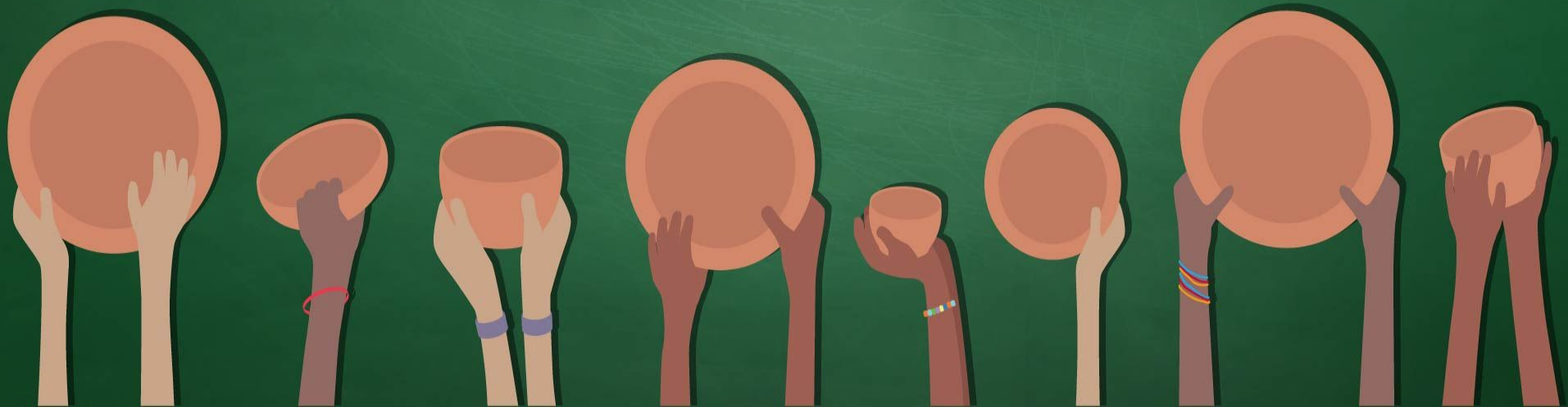


Food Accessibility For People In Poverty in Rural America

GROUP 4

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The Issue: Food Insecurity

“Don’t be Insecure about Food Insecurity”

- The focus issue we are addressing is food accessibility for people in poverty living in rural areas of America. The people in these areas do not have the resources available to them that people in more urban areas do.
- Evidence
 - The U.S Census found that 19.3% of the population of the U.S is in rural areas. This means that all these people are applicable to food insecurity.
 - From an article titled, “Effects of Hunger,” “people in a low income household find themselves having to choose between utilities or supplementary needs over food.
 - From the latest data, “US consumers spent 11.3% of their disposable income on food in 2022, while the percentage of income that should go to food is 11-15%. But it is a low 7.8% for people in poverty since the pandemic.”



The Issue: Food Insecurity

“Don’t be Insecure about Food Insecurity”

We believe that the lack of income comes down to the lack of resources to get sustainable, bill-paying jobs. With today’s low wages, inequality, and inflation in America, it might be tough to find the solution to this problem.

What you can do to help: You can help us by going to our go fund me or contacted you local representatives.

We believe income is the problem. Many people in poverty suffer from not enough money to supplement their needs. This causes a lack in resources to buy these needs, specifically food accessibility.

Take Action/ Tactics

An illustration in the background shows a large glass jar with a black lid and the word 'DONATION' written on it. A woman in a red shirt is standing on a ladder, pouring something into the jar. Another woman in a black top and yellow skirt is holding a large green apple. There are also some gold coins scattered on the ground. The scene is set against a dark background with some green foliage.

- What you can do individually: donate, volunteer, making food
- Local, state, nationally: reach out to representatives
- Others can take action by: donating, helping people, making food
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- The action we plan to take include:
 - Emails and Letters to state representatives
 - Lobbying - trying to convince or persuade people to your project and persuade a decision maker to take action
- We will also use Go fund me in order to get fundraising to petition to our state representatives about our issue
- Through social media, people will be taken to a go fund me then they can access a link to take them to more information about for people in poverty



Extra Resources For Information

<https://straydoginstitute.org/food-access/>

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/chart-gallery/gallery/chart-detail/?chartId=58384>

[Tarrant County Food Bank](#)

What We Learned



- **Derrick:** What I learned is that food insecurity goes back to people at a young age and how they grew up.
- **Noa:** I learned how food insecurity can affect way more people than i thought and can cause a lot more health issues.
- **Hannah:** I learned that America has a lot more people in poverty than I originally thought.
- **Grayson:** I learned that food insecurity is directly related to low income and not having enough money to support their household.
- **Natalie:** I didn't realize how many people actually suffered from food insecurity in America.
- **Jordan:** I learned about this topic is that a lot of people don't have access to food because of food deserts across the U.S.
- **Liam:** What I learned was that food insecurity is not a easy projects to talk about, think in a high detail way, and come up with ideas for every different way.
- **Aidan:** I learned that people are struggling with food insecurity in America



About us- Law Abiding Citizens (LAC)

We are Natalie, Grayson, Hannah, Liam, Jordan, Aidan, Noa, and Derrick.

We are eighth and ninth graders campaigning for our civic issue: Food Insecurity.

We chose this issue because we saw an problem in our community that we needed to spread awareness for.

Question Slide



Resources

FACTS:

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/impact-of-hunger>

<https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/ag-and-food-statistics-charting-the-essentials/food-prices-and-spending/?topicid=2b168260-a717-4708-a264-cb354e815c67#:~:text=Budget%20share%20for%20total%20food,levels%20similar%20to%20the%201980s.>

<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2022/urban-rural-populations.html#:~:text=The%20rural%20population%20%E2%80%94%20the%20population.of%20changes%20to%20>

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