

HUNGER FACTS

- **Thirty-eight million people live in households that experience hunger or the risk of hunger. This represents one in ten households in the United States (10.7 percent).**
- **36% of the households that received assistance in 2006 included an adult who was working.**
- **27% of all the recipients are seniors. This number is continually rising.**
- **In 2008, nearly 24 million children under age 18 lived in food-insecure households (18.6% of all children).**
- **The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that 96 Billion pounds of fresh produce is wasted each year in the United States before it ever reaches grocery stores, restaurants or consumers' kitchens.**
- **Malnutrition, even for very short periods of time, can affect a child's behavior, development and productivity.**
- **Infant mortality rate is linked to nutritional deficiencies among pregnant women. The United States ranks 19th out of 23 developed nations in infant mortality.**
- **2/3 of those seeking food assistance are women. 54% are either senior citizens or children.**
- **Florida has the thirteenth highest rate of poverty at 12.7% and is second in the nation in homelessness. In Florida, 12% of households live with hunger.**
- **Florida is #2 in number of homeless, second only to California**

Statistics provided by America's Second Harvest 2008 and Household Food Security in the United States, 2008 from the USDA Economic Research Service

With your help we can do something about hunger!

Orange Drop!

Saturday, March 6, 2010 (9am-12pm)

Thrivent Financial East Hillsborough Chapter, Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and the Society of St. Andrew (a national food recovery ministry) are teaming up this year to bag & gather local citrus for area shelters, food pantries, and soup kitchens!

Drop Site (Location):

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
304 Druid Hills Road
Tampa, FL 33617

5 Ways to Participate:

1. For \$5 you can sponsor a box of citrus that will provide 400 servings of sweet vitamin C filled nutrition.
2. Pick your backyard citrus and bring it to the Drop Site.
3. Donate your citrus for someone to pick.
4. Volunteer to help glean (pick trees) & bag citrus for local food banks.
5. Refer a food pantry etc... (Pick up times scheduled.)





**Yes, I/We want to help feed the hungry
and sponsor a bag of citrus.**

_____ bags x \$5 = \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email** _____

Mail to: Thrivent East Hillsborough Chapter

7810 Bullara Drive; Tampa, FL 33637

**Checks Payable to: Thrivent East Hillsborough
Chapter**