

Race Report

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Why Race Against Hunger?

Enrich your curriculum by incorporating global issues into classroom activities.

Foster a sense of community and global citizenship among students.

Join the fight against hunger by spreading awareness in your school and community.

Help children around the world who suffer from hunger and malnutrition.



Students at The Smith School posted flyers around their school to encourage others to fundraise.

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Join the 2012 Race Against Hunger!

Interested in educating tomorrow's leaders about the critical issues of global poverty and hunger? Join us for the 5th annual *Race Against Hunger*.

The *Race Against Hunger* is a national service-learning campaign that unites students in the fight against hunger and malnutrition. Tapping into the immense potential of youth to become powerful agents of change, the *Race Against Hunger* aims to engage students in learning about the causes of worldwide hunger and inspire them to become part of the solution. Through their involvement with the *Race*, students become more globally-minded and aware of issues occurring outside their schools, neighborhoods, and communities. This sense of responsibility is both empowering and contagious; students will recognize the impact of their efforts through this campaign.

In 2011, nearly 17,000 students from more than 60 schools in 19 states across the U.S. joined this student campaign to end global hunger.



Race Coordinator, Ruben Goodwin, hands out medals and prizes to the top runners.

These students helped raise awareness about malnutrition while securing funds to fight this preventable disease. Their efforts will support Action Against Hunger | ACF International in our mission to save the lives of malnourished children around the world.

For this school year, we are expanding the *Race* by reaching out to schools in all 50 states. Enroll your school today and become part of this nationwide fight against hunger.

Hope to hear from you soon! ■

What Teachers Are Saying ...

"As the enrichment teacher, I try to help my students see beyond our town, our state, and even our country, and to understand global issues. ACF is an amazing organization that takes the educational component very seriously, and provides teachers with activities and media to really touch the students and make them want to help."

— Diane Cormican, Clinton Township Middle School, Clinton, NJ

"We really appreciate your flexibility to allow us to modify the program in a way that makes sense for our students."

— Debrah Hall, The Monarch School, Houston, TX

"Students were very moved and interested to learn how they can help."

— Stacey Schultz, East Side Community High School, New York, NY

Enroll in the 2012 *Race Against Hunger* today by filling out our enrollment form online, or sending it by mail or fax!

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Student Sentiments

This year, Clinton Township School District in NJ decided to get the entire district involved in the *Race*. With tons of community support and parent involvement, the program was a huge success! Here are some of the students' reactions:

"The *Race Against Hunger* really helped me understand what is happening around the world. I now know that about 1/6th of the world's population is hungry. It feels good to know that my school and I are helping ACF end global hunger."

— Steven, 5th Grade

"To me, the *Race Against Hunger* was a brilliant way to raise awareness about global hunger in our community. Hunger can be fixed if we all pitch in."

— Erik, 5th Grade

"It's great to know that we are able to help people who are less fortunate than us. We take life for granted, and the basic things such as eating what we want, when we want it."

— Nick, 7th Grade

"It means so much to me to be part of a school that really comes together to help others."

— Emily, 8th Grade

2011 *Race Against Hunger* Highlights

This year, many schools decided to make the *Race* a truly memorable experience for their students. Here are just a few examples of ways schools tailored the program to fit their individual needs and get students fully involved:

The San Francisco Day School in CA, The Holland School in NJ and the Instituto Alexander Von Humboldt in Colombia came together for the 20/20 Challenge — a program that connects schools to identify a global issue and implement an action plan to tackle that issue. As a past participant of the *Race*, The San Francisco Day School saw the program as a great way to educate students and to encourage them to be a part of the solution by participating in a fun-run event. Collaboratively, students from all three schools expanded their knowledge of hunger issues while becoming active global citizens.

This year, students from the Ridge Academy in Chicago, IL volunteered at a local food bank the morning of the educational presentation given by an ACF staff member. This experience reinforced that hunger exists all over the world.

The *Race* can even start through individuals in your community who want to help in the fight



Kids at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club take off on their 2-mile Road Race.

against hunger. ACF was approached in early winter by a mother from North Liberty, IA. She came across ACF while researching relief work in Afghanistan. She wanted to educate her son on the current humanitarian situation in the country because her husband was stationed there with the U.S. military. After learning about the *Race*, the mother contacted the school and got them involved in the program.

The *Race Against Hunger* is designed so that each school has the ability to develop a program tailored to the needs of their community. Be creative! Figure out what works for your school and go with it! ■

Race Objectives

Action Against Hunger | ACF International, a humanitarian relief organization with over 30 years of experience in treating and preventing acute malnutrition, seeks to enlist the energy and enthusiasm of students across the United States to help prevent young children around the world from dying of hunger. By partnering with schools across the country, the *Race Against Hunger* aims to:

- Educate students** about the causes and effects of acute malnutrition;
- Share sustainable solutions** to this treatable and preventable condition;
- Provide an opportunity for students** to actively help those suffering from malnutrition.

The *Race Against Hunger* culminates in a "fun-run" where students take action against hunger by enlisting sponsors for their run/walk. By participating in this activity, students:

- Raise awareness about global hunger** & malnutrition in their local community;
- Develop an appreciation** of service-oriented learning;
- Help save children** threatened by acute malnutrition;
- Enjoy an outdoor physical activity and have fun!**