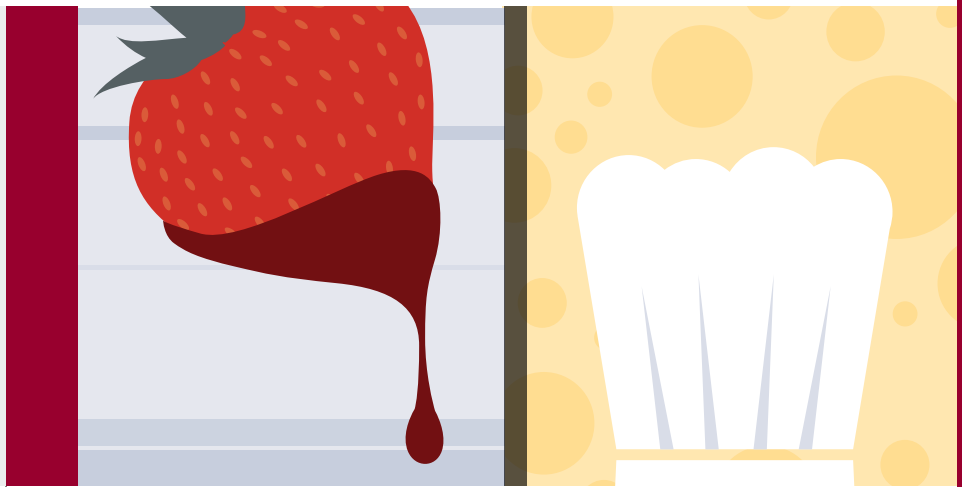




SHARE OUR STRENGTH'S  
TASTE OF THE  
**NATION**  
NO KID HUNGRY



#### OUR IMPACT

Since 2004, Taste of the Nation grant recipients have made great progress in the fight against childhood hunger. Together, we have:

- Served more than 35 million meals to children.
- Grown more than 2.5 million pounds of produce in low-income community gardens.
- Taught more than 200,000 children in nutrition education classes.
- Provided more than 2.5 million hours of nutrition education.
- Referred 2 million people to government or community programs.
- Spent more than 110,000 hours advocating for federal child nutrition programs.

## THE NATION'S PREMIER CULINARY BENEFIT TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER

Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation® is the nation's premier culinary benefit dedicated to making sure no kid in America grows up hungry. Each spring, the nation's hottest chefs and mixologists donate their time, talent and passion at more than 40 Taste of the Nation events across the United States and Canada, with one goal in mind: to raise the critical funds needed to end childhood hunger. Each Taste of the Nation event takes on the flavor of the local community. Cities showcase their top culinary talent at either tasting events or seated dinners.

Since 1988, Taste of the Nation has raised more than \$70 million. Thanks to our sponsors, 100 percent of ticket sales help ensure no kid in America grows up hungry.

#### WHY FOCUS ON CHILDHOOD HUNGER?

In the world's wealthiest nation, no child should grow up hungry. Over the course of a year, **more than 12 million children in America will worry about when their next meal will come.** That's one in six with limited or uncertain access to the nutritious foods they need to thrive.

Despite its devastating and highly visible consequences, childhood hunger is invisible. You can't see it just by looking, and you can't measure it in pounds, but it is among us: It affects black, white, Asian and Hispanic, short and tall, thin and chubby.

Poverty is complex; feeding a child is not. Despite the good efforts of governments, private groups and everyday Americans, too many children lack daily access to the nutritious meals they need to live active, healthy lives.

**Through dedicated, committed volunteers and community organizations, Share Our Strength® finds childhood hunger where it hides and works to end it.**





#### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

**“As the premier culinary benefit dedicated to ending childhood hunger, Taste of the Nation unites the most creative culinary minds behind a critical issue affecting our country’s children every day.”**

— Chef David Burke

David Burke Restaurants, davidburke.com  
Taste of the Nation Culinary Council

**“It continues to be a pleasure for us to partner with Share Our Strength and the nation’s restaurant community in the fight to end childhood hunger in America. The work done by Share Our Strength is critical to every community in this country, and we salute them for their determination.”**

— Curtis Wilson

Vice President & General Manager  
TEI Restaurant Industries, American Express

## HOW WE WILL END CHILDHOOD HUNGER

Share Our Strength® helps close gaps between nutritious food programs and families in need. We help develop lasting solutions for hungry families—the difference between feeding a family tonight and ensuring that they never again have to worry about their next meal.

Share Our Strength has a national plan to end childhood hunger, **Share Our Strength’s Operation No Kid Hungry™**, which finds ways to feed the hungry in our communities, funds the most effective anti-hunger organizations in each state, and makes the most of state, federal, and local resources.

Through Operation No Kid Hungry, Share Our Strength is building partnerships one state at a time. Share Our Strength has partnerships in four states: Washington, Florida, Maryland and the District of Columbia. In each state, we develop a plan to end childhood hunger that takes into account local resources and needs.

Operation No Kid Hungry focuses on four priorities:

- **Increasing access** to programs (public and private) that provide food to children and their families.
- **Strengthening community services** that connect children to healthy food.
- **Improving families’ knowledge** about available programs and how to get the most from limited resources.
- **Supporting nutrition education.**

Operation No Kid Hungry funds hundreds of the most successful organizations working to end childhood hunger across the country.

## HOW WE INVEST TASTE OF THE NATION FUNDS

Funds raised through Taste of the Nation events provide grant funding to individual organizations, both domestic and international, and support our childhood hunger partnerships. Since 1988, Taste of the Nation has raised more than \$70 million.

For more information or to get involved, visit [TasteOfTheNation.org](http://TasteOfTheNation.org) or call **877-26TASTE**.