



**SHARE OUR
STRENGTH**
NO KID HUNGRY



WHO WE ARE

Share Our Strength® is a national organization working to make sure no kid in America grows up hungry. We weave together a net of community groups, activists and food programs to catch children at risk of hunger and ensure they have nutritious food where they live, learn and play. We work with the culinary industry to create engaging, pioneering programs like *Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation*®, *Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale*®, *Share Our Strength's A Tasteful Pursuit*®, *Share Our Strength's Great American Dine Out*™ and *Share Our Strength's Operation Frontline*®.

WAYS CHEFS AND RESTAURANTS CAN HELP

- Participate in one of our events.
- Donate items for our live and silent auctions.
- Send invitations to our events to your database.
- Promote our events in your newsletters, emails, receipts or bill-stuffers.
- Become a Share Our Strength spokesperson.
- Hold your own special event to benefit Share Our Strength's work to end childhood hunger.
- Help raise awareness of the issue of childhood hunger in your community.

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

EVERYONE HAS A STRENGTH

... and everyone has something to share. Chefs, companies, volunteers and everyday Americans that care. Each year thousands of dedicated volunteers share their strengths to help us make sure that no kid in America grows up hungry. There are many ways you can help make a difference.

- **Operation Frontline – Year 'round**

At the heart of Operation Frontline are the chefs, nutritionists, financial planners and support volunteers who all donate their time and talents to help low-income families develop the nutrition, cooking, food budgeting and financial planning skills they need. Visit OperationFrontline.org to see how you can help.

- **A Tasteful Pursuit – Early Spring thru Fall**

If you'd like to join our ranks of visiting chefs or play host to our touring dinner series, visit ATastefulPursuit.org for more information.

- **Taste of the Nation – Spring thru Summer**

Whether you're a chef donating time, talent and food, or helping us recruit chefs, find sponsors, plan logistics or work the event, volunteering plays a critical role in our flagship fundraising event. Visit TasteOfTheNation.org to get involved.

- **Great American Bake Sale – Spring thru Summer**

Hold a Great American Bake Sale in your community to raise funds that help support after-school and summer meal programs. Visit GreatAmericanBakeSale.org for all the details.

- **Great American Dine Out – Fall**

Restaurants of every type can participate in this week-long campaign by registering and designating a percentage of sales during the dine-out period to support Share Our Strength's work to end childhood hunger. Visit GreatAmericanDineOut.org for information.



WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS SAY

“Operation Frontline does what few community programs do: We connect with the people we serve, treat them with dignity, and foster trust and a real interest in proper nutrition. And we see the results of our efforts.”

— Joseph Mora, volunteer chef-instructor,
Operation Frontline, Washington, D.C.

“For me, the biggest reason to be involved with Taste of the Nation is being a part of an amazing group of people who stop talking about making a difference and simply get to work. For over eight years, I have returned as a volunteer to work with this talented group that puts on a fabulous event and refuses to ignore childhood hunger.”

— Caralyn Quigley, co-chair,
Taste of the Nation, Boston, Mass.

“After cooking all year long for people who can afford great meals on a regular basis, it’s important for us to realize that there are more than 12 million kids in our country alone who have a hard time getting nutritious meals on a regular basis. Working to meet their needs is a way we can use our skills and be part of the solution.”

— Chef Zach Bell, Café Boulud,
A Tasteful Pursuit, Palm Beach, Fla.

“I am so proud that we were able to be a part of this. The girls went from shy and embarrassed to awesome salespersons in the course of an evening, hawking their goods and challenging passersby to do their part to end childhood hunger.”

— Geri Lynn Peak, Great American Bake Sale
volunteer leader, Baltimore, Md.

ABOUT OUR EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Since our inception in 1984, Share Our Strength has raised over \$200 million, providing support for more than 1,000 groups around the world working to end hunger. Our diverse range of fundraising efforts and programs engage the culinary industry and food lovers, corporate partners, foundations, individual donors, and our hunger partners. All play a critical role in our strategy to end childhood hunger in America.

- **Operation Frontline, a groundbreaking, cooking-based, nutrition education program**

Operation Frontline connects families with food by teaching them how to prepare healthy, tasty meals on a limited budget.

- **Taste of the Nation, the nation’s premier culinary benefit**

Each spring, the nation’s hottest chefs and mixologists volunteer their time, talent and passion at events taking place in more than 50 cities across the U.S.

- **A Tasteful Pursuit, a national touring dinner series**

The nation’s finest chefs volunteer their talents at top culinary destinations around the country to create delicious, multi-course dinners.

- **Great American Bake Sale, bake sales hosted by individuals, workplaces and community groups**

This national grassroots campaign mobilizes Americans to end childhood hunger by holding bake sales in their communities.

- **Great American Dine Out, a national campaign for restaurants and people who love to dine out**

Thousands of restaurants unite and mobilize consumers to dine out in this week-long fundraising event.

WHY CHILDHOOD HUNGER

In the world’s wealthiest nation, no child should grow up hungry...yet more than 12 million children in America are at risk of hunger. That’s one in six with limited or uncertain access to the nutritious foods they need to develop and lead healthy, active lives.

HOW WE’LL END CHILDHOOD HUNGER

Share Our Strength’s national strategy to end childhood hunger in America focuses on long-term solutions that support access to nutritious food and healthy choices. It is designed to bridge the gaps between existing, effective public and private programs and the families who need them.

OUR IMPACT

Share Our Strength has earned a reputation as one of America’s most effective nonprofits. Since launching our strategy in 2004 to end childhood hunger, our grant recipients and state partners have posted impressive results:

- Served more than 40.2 million meals to children
- Reached 889,000 low-income kids with meals and snacks through afterschool, summer and weekend food programs
- Taught more than 200,000 children in nutrition education classes
- Grown 2.5 million pounds of produce in low-income community gardens
- Spent 110,000 hours advocating for federal child and nutrition programs