

Fight Childhood Hunger Week

A Global Youth Service Day Project



April 13-19, 2015

The Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council engaged **13 7th-12th grade youth** as leaders to **fight childhood hunger** in their *schools and communities*

with

35 awareness, service, advocacy, and philanthropy projects in **12 communities**

Billings, Boulder, Deer Lodge, Dell, Fairfield, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, Miles City, Missoula, Polson, Volborg

Highlighted Projects:

- Three council members held a 5K Fun Run to raise money for school food pantries in Great Falls. Over 115 runners and 50 volunteers participated in the event, including First Lady Lisa Bullock and her three children.
- Katey sponsored a community spaghetti dinner in Lima. Over 38% of the population of Lima attended the dinner to raise funds to start a weekend backpack program at the local school.
- Lindsey set up a school snack program at the local elementary school in Broadus. She raised \$1,850 to stock bins and supplement the program for the next year!
- Tanner hosted a "Hike to End Hunger" up the 'M' in Missoula. Businesses donated at least \$1 for each person who hiked. With over 300 people turning out to hike on that day, this effort generated almost \$1,000 for the local food bank.
- Helena council members hosted a statewide Wear Orange Wednesday, collecting over 100 photos with 1,025 dressed in orange. Even famous actor, Jeff Bridges, and Montana's First Family participated!
- Holter held a community potluck in Boulder featuring facts about childhood hunger, a recipe contest, and prizes, in addition to hosting classroom demonstrations raising awareness to almost 200 elementary school students.
- Taylor placed fact sheets on childhood hunger on 1 in 5 lunch trays at Polson High School and raised money for No Kid Hungry at a local Fun Run and with Wear a Hat to School Day.

What else happened...

Five community and school food drives across the state

Five school assemblies to elementary and middle school children to raise awareness of this issue

Four community showings of the leading documentary on childhood hunger in the U.S., "A Place at the Table"

Three classroom cooking demonstrations and lessons on healthy eating

An announcement of the winners of the Governor and First Lady's second round of "Breakfast after the Bell" grants

The first-ever No Kid Hungry Essay Contest judged by First Lady Lisa Bullock

No Kid Hungry AmeriCorps and FoodCorps members assisted youth council members with their events

Energy Corps, Montana Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps VISTA members, and other Montana National Service programs, also participated in GYSD service projects

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