



2018**FOODFIGHT**
THE NATION'S FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

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PRESS RELEASE

2018 Food Fight to Pack 3.5 Million Meals

DC Community United in Fighting Hunger

Washington, DC— April 4, 2018—On **May 4-6, 2018**, at the **Dulles Expo Center** (Chantilly, VA), **20,000** volunteers from the DC area will be packing bags of food to feed **3.5 MILLION meals** to starving children around the world—enough to feed **9,589** children for one year. [New Hope Church](#) in Lorton, VA, is organizing this event in collaboration with [Feed My Starving Children](#), a 4-Star Charity Navigator hunger relief organization. [Register to volunteer here](#). Packing sessions are scheduled throughout the day: May 4 from 9:30 am to 10:00 pm; May 5 from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm; May 6 from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm.

How does the packing work? During each 2.5 hour shift, volunteers measure cups of rice, soy flakes, dehydrated vegetables and vitamin powder into plastic bags, seal them up and pack them into boxes and pallets. The packed food is sent to reputable organizations on the ground in desperately hungry countries--as well as sent to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief and to feed Syrian refugees all over the world. The food is specially formulated for starving children and is sufficient nutrition for one meal a day. Each meal costs only 22 cents!

According to **Kim Feld, 2018 Food Fight event manager**, “We don’t even know yet where the food will be going because we aim to reach the most urgent need at the moment.” During the 2016 Food Fight, the packed food was sent to a devastated Haiti, Somalia, Nicaragua and Uganda. She adds, “Last time, we even had people who grew up on this food in their native countries volunteer to pack—the blessing came around full-circle!”

2018 Food Fight is a fun family activity, and individuals of any age are welcome. It's also an excellent service project for scout troops, clubs, office groups, religious and service organizations, sports teams—any group that would like to help save a child's life. We have jobs for folks of all abilities—from labeling bags to hoisting heavy boxes—in an exciting atmosphere of loud music and crazy games.

There is no charge to participate. Donations of canned goods for Capital Area Food Bank and financial gifts toward the 2018 Food Fight ingredients will be gladly accepted. Gifts created by native artisans will be available at The MarketPlace—proceeds fund the artisans and FMSC. We are also seeking event sponsors; read [the benefits of 2018 Food Fight sponsorship](#) here.

Where else can you change the world with the change in your sofa? 2018 Food Fight. Grab a friend and have fun—while literally saving lives.

Media are invited to attend; volunteers, event staff and FMSC spokespeople will be available for interviews. Please contact Karen Heal, pr volunteer, for more information at 703-402-4497 or Karen.Heal@newhope.org.

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About Feed My Starving Children

[Feed My Starving Children](#) (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide. FMSC meals are hand-packed by volunteers and sent to an incredible network of partner organizations who distribute them to those in need. Nearly 1.2 million volunteers packed more than 333 million FMSC meals in 2017.

More than 90 percent of total donations go directly to feed kids.



About MobilePack™ events

Volunteers just like you join hands with neighbors across the U.S. to pack and fund lifesaving FMSC MannaPack™ meals through FMSC MobilePack™ events. Churches, businesses, community groups and schools host these food packing events and make a real difference in the fight against world hunger.



About New Hope Church

[New Hope Church](#) has been sponsoring FMSC MobilePack™ events for ten years in response to the Bible's command to feed hungry people as if we were feeding Jesus Himself (Matthew 25: 40). 2018 Food Fight is our second packing session at Dulles Expo Center with our first in 2016. New Hope Church, which began in 1992 with a core group of 19 people, exists to help all people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. New Hope Church opened its building, which is also home to *Silo Center Preschool*, *The Backpack* before- and after-school care and *Camp Whatakid*, at 8905 Ox Road, Lorton, VA, in 2008.