

OUR PURPOSE

Our team is devoted to the acknowledgement and support for those families struggling to feed themselves and their children. Childhood Hunger: Behind Closed Doors is committed to knocking down the barriers of talking about an uncomfortable topic and making a difference. In addition, we plan to educate those who can help, and provide more access to resources that can help these children and families who are food insecure. It is important for us all to understand that food shortage can be an issue all over, regardless of where we are from and the socio-economic backgrounds of ourselves and others.



**No child should
ever go hungry,
regardless of
their socio-
economic
background.**



**Childhood Hunger:
Behind Closed Doors**

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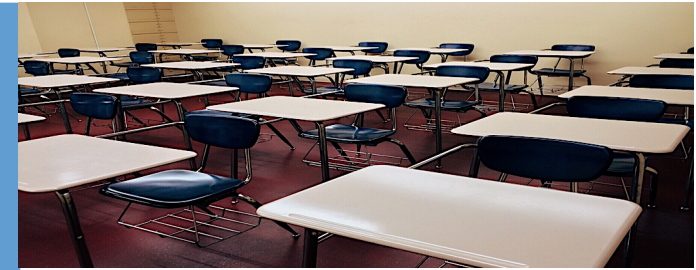
STATISTICS

- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Map the Meal Gap 2019, approximately 247,470 children in Virginia face food insecurity.
- Virginia's rate of child food insecurity is the fifth lowest in the nation, but still far too common.
- In Charlottesville (less than 60 miles away from Farmville) approximately 55/100 kids were food insecure.
- 863,390 Virginians experienced food insecurity in 2017, including 247,490 children, according to a report published by Feeding America. One in eight Virginia children may not know where their next meal will come from and nearly 500,000 children in the Commonwealth do not have access to fresh or healthy food.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Donate to your local food bank or food pantry
- Participate in programs like Backpacks of Love that donate food to children to take home
- Send extra food with your children and encourage them to share with those who may not be eating at school
- Send lunch money to school with your child to be put into someone's account who may need it



PERSPECTIVES

Devon Johnson, Brunswick, VA

During my time in Brunswick High School, I was part of an outrageous percentage of students who had free or reduced lunch. Although this was a tremendous help for myself and family, other individuals who are less fortunate should have the same opportunity to receive proper nutrition without having to qualify for it.

Emily Kratzer, Waynesboro, VA

The biggest projection of childhood hunger I witnessed in my hometown was through the number of peers on free and reduced lunch. It was very common for students to utilize this program for both breakfast and lunch.

Mary Kate Perry, Cumberland, VA

Growing up in a poorer county and going to a smaller school, I had friends and peers who took advantage of the free/reduced lunch program. I also saw some students who needed more help, and took advantage of other programs like Backpacks of Love and the local food pantry.