

Food for Thought

When Neighbors Share, Kids Are Fed



You Can Help

Last month we sent home 903 bags with 12,112 food items.

Volunteers like Aimee Mullahy (above) help that effort by delivering food from the New Hampshire Food Bank in Manchester to our storeroom. You can help too, by donating today.

Because we're all volunteers, every penny of your check—made out to End 68 Hours and sent to End 68 Hours, PO Box 40, Bennington, NH 03442—will go to buy food for hungry kids. Thank you!

We are so grateful to all who have donated recently, allowing us to keep filling those weekend bags of food for hungry kids.

The **Keith M. Sullivan Foundation** once again generously gave \$4,000—thank you so

much for filling 400 bags of food!

We were honored to be selected by **Monadnock Men on a Mission** (above) to receive that group's collective donations—totaling another \$4,000, and filling another 400 bags!

In addition, **Cooper's Hill Public House** gave \$300 (30 bags) from their recent Drink & Do Good evening. And individuals, churches, businesses, and other organizations across the district continue to collect both money and food to support our program. Huge thanks to all!

Parties with Heart

Jess Nelson (right, with her daughters) threw a holiday party and invited a bunch of friends. Those friends brought gifts—not for Jess and her family, but for End 68 Hours!

Similarly, the **Peterborough Lions Club** declared the price of admission to their holiday gathering was a food item for End 68. And boy, did those Lions roar with their donations! Thank you all so much!



What a Teacher Sees in Her Students

A local teacher recently nominated End 68 Hours ConVal for the Greater Peterborough Chamber's Spirit of Excellence Award. Here's what she wrote:

I am a teacher and have seen first-hand what a difference [End 68 Hours of Hunger] has made in some of my students.

Before this program began, many of my students came to school hungry. How did I know? During our lessons together, they would be sleepy, lethargic and unable to focus on the task at hand. They would complain that their stomachs

were hurting. Their primary focus was how hungry they were and they were distracted by it and could not read a story or learn how to solve a math problem.

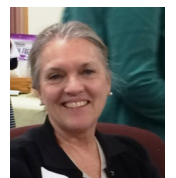
Since the program started in the ConVal School District, I've seen a shift in their abilities to focus and pay attention to what's happening in the classroom. I gratefully thank this non-profit program, run totally by volunteers. The food is provided by our generous community members who

do not want to see children in our community go hungry in the 68 hours from Friday's lunch at school to Monday's breakfast.

A heartfelt thanks to this non-profit program for helping to stop hunger in the ConVal School District! They are helping our less privileged students be the best they can be and ready to learn.

To me, this IS the Spirit of Excellence!

Judith Parsons



Spotted at the Toadstool



End 68 Hours of Hunger: Ending childhood hunger in America, one school at a time.