

FOCUS

NORTH + AMERICA

COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY

THE NEED

Supporting the health and education of children is a core component of FOCUS' programs. More than 15 million children in the United States suffer from food insecurity, meaning they are consistently unable to access sufficient nutritious food for a healthy life. Since 2013 FOCUS has reached more than 260,000 children in 250 school districts in 30 cities. The Soup Sunday Coffee Hour will go to supporting our Childhood feeding initiatives around the country.

WHAT IS IT?

Make a simple meal to sell at your churches' coffee hour, with proceeds going to support the work FOCUS North America does to feed hungry children in America. You can also host your parish's typical Coffee Hour, but asking for donations that week to specifically to support FOCUS work.

This is a good project for all ages! We encourage all volunteers participate in this Coffee Hour of service..

HOW TO DO IT:

Project Key Steps:

- (Optional) Discuss with FOCUS Summer Feeding Operations Manager, Jim Portellos, ideas for hosting/cooking for fundraiser.
- Meet or speak with priest about the project. If needed, speak with parish council treasurer regarding logistics for donations.
- Put announcements in parish bulletin and newsletters. Consider Putting up posters/art to advertise.
- Educate kids on the purpose of the fundraiser and brainstorm with them regarding list of chores and suggested prices
- (Optional) Work with the parish network to receive the food for making lunches donated by either an individual or a food company/sponsor
- Educate parishioners on the purpose of the program (individually at Coffee Hour and in a brief orientation on the day of the Coffee Hour)

- Recruit and organize volunteers to aid in preparing food, setting up tables etc.
- Enjoy selling lunches day of..
- For those who approach you simply wishing to make a donation, graciously thank them and inform them they can make the check out to: FOCUS North America, P.O. Box 645039, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-5039
- Optional thank you card to parish thanking everyone for support of FOCUS

IMPLEMENTATION PACKAGE

Sample Parish Bulletin Announcement:

During Coffee Hour this week after Liturgy, our parish will be selling healthy lunches to support FOCUS North America's Summer Feeding Program for hungry children. For every lunch we sell, a hungry child will be fed a similar, nutritious meal. For those who wish to simply make a gift to the work of FOCUS, make checks payable to FOCUS North America, P.O. Box 645039, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-5039

About FOCUS

FOCUS North America, the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve, helps the poor and suffering in North America. One of the major National Programs of FOCUS is the Summer Feeding Program, which provides healthy meals to children experiencing hunger during the summer months. For more information please visit www.focusnorthamerica.org.

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