



September 15, 2021

Our Fellow Arkansans,

September is Hunger Action Month, and we support programs and policies that increase food security and decrease hunger in our state. Even before the pandemic, nearly half a million Arkansans faced hunger, and almost 150,000 of those were children, according to Feeding America. We all have a role to play to make Arkansas hunger-free, from supporting and advocating for programs — like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/EBT), school and summer meals, WIC, and nutrition education — to volunteering at a local food pantry or food bank, and more. The pandemic greatly increased hunger in Arkansas. But it also highlighted how, with action from communities and decision makers, we can make sure fewer Arkansans go to bed hungry.

We hope that during Hunger Action Month and beyond, you will join us in taking action to end hunger in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

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