

JOIN US ON MARCH 10th: Supporting Hunger: Help to Be a Part of the Solution:

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Why Support Hunger in Georgia Here are some facts in **2 weeks we can all make a difference by supporting US. Sign up for the Hunger Walk/Run 2013.**

Hunger in Georgia

- The need for food assistance has grown significantly. Over the past three years, the number of Georgia households receiving food stamps has increased by **62%**. (Georgia DHR. 2012)
- More than **one in every four** Georgia children – **28.3%** of our children – lives in a food insecure households. This is up from 27.9% last year. The USDA defines food insecurity as the lack of access to adequate food resulting from the lack of money and other resources. (Feeding America, [Map the Meal Gap](#): Child Food Insecurity 2011. Data released May 2012. See how Georgia children compare to children in other states by viewing the [interactive map](#). Be sure to click the box entitled Child Food Insecurity Rates.
- According to the latest US Census Bureau American Community Survey, **26.3%** of Georgia's children live in poverty – up from 24.8% last year. That's more than **640,000** children under age 18. (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Profile. Data released Sept. 2012)
- Nearly **1.8 million** Georgians (**19.1%**) are living in poverty according to the latest US Census Bureau American Community Survey. This is up from **1.7 million (17.8%)** reported in 2011, and represents an increase of **150,000** people in poverty. (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Profile. Data released Sept. 2012)
- **17.4%** of Georgia households experienced low food security from 2009-2011. Food Security is defined as access to enough food for an active, healthy life. (USDA Household Food Security in the United States 2011.) Data released September 2012.
- **10.9 percent** - more than one in every ten senior citizens in Georgia - are living in poverty. (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Profile. Data released Sept. 2012)

- Georgia's unemployment rate is 9.2% (September numbers will be ready on the third Friday of the month. (The most current unemployment rate for each state can be found on the U.S. Department of Labor's website at <http://www.bls.gov/lau/>.)

Please let your network of friends, family, neighbors and business associates know they can learn more about how to get involved in local hunger-relief efforts by visiting www.deskan.net : BY JOINING US! DONATING TO US:

SIGN US TO WALK WITH US: That's still plenty of time to [reserve your spot](#) for this one-of-a-kind event that unites our community in the fight against hunger.

- Hungry children, seniors, and families in our community will thank you for providing a helping hand in their time of need.



So why wait any longer? [Register to walk or run with us today!](#)

Sincerely,

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