

CHILD HUNGER AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Financial assistance is available for schools to support nutrition programs to meet the needs of hungry students. Schools with high numbers of hungry children are eligible for a volunteer Food Coordinator that would receive an honorarium through the Child Hunger and Education Program. Nutrition program sites adhere to the CHEP Mission, philosophy, and guiding principles:

CHEP's Mission

The Child Hunger and Education Program (CHEP) exists to work with communities to achieve solutions to child hunger and to improve access to nutritious food.

CHEP's Philosophy Statement

CHEP believes that food is a basic right and that inadequate nutrition adversely affects a child's development, learning ability, health and participation in community. CHEP believes that a community development approach is necessary to fulfill our mission.

CHEP Guiding Principles

1. Food is a right

Nutritious food is a basic right. The UN declaration of the Rights of the Child recognizes food as a basic right for all children. CHEP supports this right.

2. Programs will be provided in appropriate settings

CHEP believes that food programs should take place in a warm, safe, community setting that fosters dignity and respect.

3. Financial stability is necessary

CHEP has strategies to ensure consistent, continuous funding in order to achieve our goals.

4. Partnership approaches are fundamental

CHEP facilitates appropriate partnerships and provides support for community linkages.

5. Actions need to be empowering

CHEP believes in community initiatives that enable and encourage children and families to participate and to be involved in the decisions that affect them.

6. Nutrition education is part of the solution

CHEP programs include nutrition education that fosters healthy eating habits and skill development.

7. Our organization demonstrates effective leadership and governance

CHEP's Board of Directors and staff adopt and articulate the organization's mission which is reflected through decision making based on Board policy, and action based on community development principles.

8. Education for staff, volunteer and Board is necessary

CHEP provides the opportunity for Board members, staff, community volunteers to develop their skills, thereby increasing the capacity of the community.

9. Awareness action is necessary

CHEP strives to increase the awareness of food security, hunger, poverty and nutrition issues to bring about social change.

Please contact the program coordinator for further information.