

STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT, SAT., OCT. 25TH: SAVE THE DATE!

TEN WILTON FAITH INSTITUTIONS, CHRISTIAN, JEWISH AND MUSLIM, WILL JOIN FORCES TO PACKAGE ENOUGH MEALS IN ONE DAY TO FEED OVER 400 STARVING CHILDREN FOR A YEAR: 150,000 MEALS.

Our congregation will be participating with nine other Wilton faith institutions in the fourth annual Stop Hunger Now all-day outreach event on **Saturday, October 25th**. A combined force of 600 volunteers from all of these Wilton faith institutions, Christian, Jewish and Muslim, will be working together to get the job done -- and will have a wonderful time doing it as our Wilton faith community comes together to meet pressing needs. They will be joined by volunteers from Wilton Rotary and New Canaan Rotary.

Help the organizer of this Event, the Wilton Interfaith Action Committee (Wi-ACT: "We Act Together for Good") meet Wi-ACT's food packaging goal of **150,000 highly nutritious meals in one day** -- up from 115,000 last year, 100,000 the year before, and 76,500 meals the first year. That's enough meals to feed over 400 malnourished children, likely in Africa but wherever the need is most pressing, for an entire year. These meals will be served in school settings where the children can learn as well as eat. Just like last year, the highly rated nonprofit Stop Hunger Now, Inc., will be providing the materials and equipment as well as the instructors on-site for the packaging operation. Teams of volunteers will gather in the Parish Hall at the WEPCO Church Complex at 36 New Canaan Road, Wilton (as in past years) to work in four two-hour shifts (morning [9-11], mid-day [11-1], mid-afternoon [1-3], and late afternoon [3-5]) to do this packaging work, using supplies of bulk ingredients and special packet-sealing equipment.

We have committed to supply volunteers, and a computerized sign-up system will be in operation starting next week for volunteers from all of Wi-ACT's member faith institutions. **Signing-up can be done beginning today at <http://vols.pt/yocbHE>** Sign-ups will be on a first-come/first-served basis. No prior experience is needed or required! This is intended to be a multi-generational event; so youth as young as 13 (on or before Oct. 25th) may sign up in their own names; children under that age can accompany parents who volunteer, and those children may work alongside them as they are able (but no childcare is being provided). **Each volunteer is also asked to bring to the Event a non-perishable food item for our town food pantry to help those in need locally.**

The four shifts throughout the day are listed on our sign-up site. Choose the shift time that works best for you of course, **but please remember that we have found that we can use even more volunteers on the last two shifts.**

Here is the website to sign up for a 2 hour stint at out Stop Hunger Now event on October 25th.

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/5223456343390660120>

Just sign in with your e-mail address and click the box for the shift you'd like to be part of.

Feel free to bring nonperishable food items, as we'll also be collecting for local food pantries.

See you there!