#### **WINTER 2024**

# THE DIALOGUE

### NOURISHING MINDS: THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF VOLUNTEERING IN SUPPORT OF FOOD-INSECURE COLLEGE STUDENTS

In the bustling world of higher education where students strive for academic success, a hidden challenge often lurks in the shadows food insecurity. Many college students face the harsh reality of not having consistent access to nutritious meals, impacting their physical health and academic performance. This pressing issue underscores the crucial role of volunteering to create a supportive environment for food-insecure college students.

Food insecurity on college campuses is a silent struggle that often goes unnoticed. Students facing financial constraints may find themselves forced to make tough choices between buying textbooks, paying tuition, or putting food on the table. The stress of such decisions can take a toll on mental health, hindering academic success.

By ensuring that basic needs, such as access to nutritious food, are met, volunteers contribute to creating an environment where all students can thrive. Volunteers have the power to transform campuses into nurturing environments where no student has to face the daunting choice between hunger and education. Through compassion, community engagement, and advocacy, volunteers become champions for a brighter and more equitable future for all students.



## <u>CALL TO ACTION:</u> MAKE 2024 YOUR YEAR TO SERVE !

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP FIX ON CAMPUS FOOD INSECURITY.

The Kentucky Hunger Dialogue is your first stop to finding group or individual volunteer opportunities.

E MAIL: <u>khd@kycompact.org</u> Include "Interested" in the subject line!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For more information on this nationwide crisis:

Watch the <u>Campus Matters: Paying the Price</u> YouTube



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