

# THE DIALOGUE

## The Kentucky Hunger Dialogue Newsletter



Mike Halligan, CEO

We're honored to welcome back **Mike Halligan, President and CEO of God's Pantry Food Bank**, as a guest panelist at this year's Kentucky Hunger Dialogue. With over 45 years of experience in the food industry and nonprofit leadership, Halligan has become a powerful advocate for ending hunger in Central and Eastern Kentucky. Under his leadership, God's Pantry has expanded its reach through over 500 community partnerships and impactful programs like Summer Meals, BackPack, and School Pantry initiatives. Halligan's philosophy is rooted in collaboration and equity. He believes that hunger ends when communities unite—neighbors, nonprofits, and policymakers working together to ensure access to nutritious food. His recent reflections highlight the urgency of addressing childhood hunger, noting that in some Kentucky regions, 1 in 3 children face food insecurity. His relentless advocacy for SNAP and other nutrition programs continues to shape policy and drive change. As a coach, father, and leader, Halligan brings a personal and passionate perspective to the fight against hunger. We're thrilled to have him share his insights and inspire action at the Dialogue.

Don't miss the exciting breakout workshops at the 2025 Kentucky Hunger Dialogue!

These sessions offer informative, hands-on learning and valuable networking opportunities.

Whether you're a student or professional, these workshops will inspire collaboration and spark real change. See page 2 for a sneak peek!



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Friday, November 7, 2025



DISASTER FOOD RELIEF IN KY COMMUNITIES

Centre College  
Danville, Kentucky

Free to attend  
Breakfast and Lunch included

Register at: <http://kyhungerdialogue.org>



# **BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS**

## **Session 1:**

***“Food is our Common Ground: Addressing Local Hunger Together Deepens Understanding and Builds Community”***

Staff and Student Leaders

Berea College Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service (CELTS)

***“Roots of Resilience: Farmers at the Core of a Strong Food System”***

Hannah Gibbs and Kathlyn Terry Baker

Appalachian Sustainable Development

***“Breaking Bread: Addressing Food Insecurity through Equity, Partnerships, and Belonging”***

Destini Baker and Autumn Campbell

Kentucky State University

## **Session 2:**

***“The Pay-What-You-Can Model”***

Jennifer Earle

Grace Cafe – Grace on the Go

***“Bridging the SNAP Gap Among Kentucky College Students”***

Chelsey Brock

Feeding Kentucky

***“Story Seeds: Writing Postcards to Policymakers”***

Abby Huffman

EngageKY