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The Kentucky Hunger Dialogue Newsletter



Serving Up Solutions Raises Over \$57,000 to Combat Student Hunger on KCTCS Campuses



Legislators serve to raise funds for student hunger relief at KCTCS fundraiser

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), in partnership with Feeding Kentucky, raised \$57,400 at the 9th annual Serving Up Solutions event on February 9, 2026 to combat student hunger. The funds will support food pantries across 16 KCTCS campuses, providing critical relief to students facing financial hardship.

A recent Trellis Research study reveals that nearly half of KCTCS students experience housing instability and food insecurity, underscoring the urgency of these efforts. "Students can't learn if they are hungry," said KCTCS President Ryan Quarles, emphasizing the importance of ensuring students never have to choose between education and basic needs.

The event also highlighted powerful student stories. Courtney, a single mother, shared how pantry support helped her continue her education while caring for her daughter. Another student, Areeyah, a veteran and parent, described donor support as "the answer to a mother's prayer."

Since 2018, Serving Up Solutions has raised over \$150,000, fostering bipartisan engagement and strengthening efforts to address hunger across Kentucky's college campuses.

Read the full press release at <https://tinyurl.com/servingupsolutions2026>.

EngageKY's
College Food Pantry Community of Practice
 meets biweekly! Next meetings:

- April 14 (TBD)
- April 28 (UofL Edible Campus)
- May 12 (NKU, grant writing basics)
- May 26 (Food Recovery)

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