



Together  
we can...  
connect for  
success.

These are just a few of the many programs that prove partnerships work. Let's connect to build a success story for your community.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago feeds kids when they are out of school through **USDA's Summer Food Service Program**. In 2010, its 105 partners and community sites helped deliver 275,000 healthy meals.



Supporting healthy, fresh food for all, **USDA's Community Food Projects grant** has helped organizations like *Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon* start the Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership to end hunger in their community.



Working side-by-side, nail-by-nail for families, using **USDA's Mutual Self-Help Housing Loan program**, the *Hinton Rural Life Center* has made it possible for neighbors to help each other build affordable, safe housing in rural North Carolina.



"Faith-based organizations are heavily involved and engaged in this effort to address hunger. Probably some of our best ideas and some of the most passionate proponents for hunger-free communities come from the faith-based organizations and the churches, the temples, the mosques, the synagogues." -Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture



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of Together  
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The USDA Center is part of President Obama's Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Initiative. The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships builds partnerships between government at all levels and non-profit organizations, both secular and faith-based, to more effectively serve Americans in need. The office also coordinates partnership centers around federal government. To get in touch with other Centers, please visit [www.whitehouse.gov/partnerships](http://www.whitehouse.gov/partnerships).

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Building partnerships between government, faith-based and neighborhood organizations to better serve individuals, families, and communities.





Together we can... do so much.

Together we can... help people.



Together we can... help everyday in every way.

Together we can... help, make, feed, build better lives.



**When you share a goal, you share a vision.** But visions need partners to succeed. That's why USDA's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships reaches out and connects government with non-profit organizations—both secular and faith-based—to help people in need.

Most people know USDA leads the way in agriculture, natural resources, and food. Many don't know we're also about strengthening communities, nourishing kids, and impacting lives. But we can't do it alone. The Center is here to help your organization connect to USDA priorities and programs so that together we're able to turn visions more effectively into reality. Now you know. Now we can.

**End Hunger**

We need your help to make sure all Americans have enough food to eat and have access to safe, nutritious, and balanced meals. More than 50 million people--including 17 million children--are at risk of going hungry in America. Many of these children will suffer the lifelong consequences of poor nutrition that will prevent them from living healthy, productive lives.

**But it doesn't have to be this way.** The USDA nutrition assistance programs touch the lives of one in every four Americans. By becoming partners with USDA, congregations and neighborhood organizations can connect people in their communities with programs that put food on the table. Let's work together to give peace of mind to families, children, and individuals who worry about where their next meal will come from.

**Strengthen Rural Communities**

Did you know American farmers provide sustenance for our entire Nation and much of the world? What's more, rural communities are a vital asset to our Nation's economic and social well-being. USDA strengthens these communities through its various loan and grant programs to help develop critical infrastructure, including housing, community facilities, and businesses. These programs also ensure that farmers can continue to contribute to local economies and succeed and thrive in the new 21st century economy.

"The particular faith that motivates each of us can promote a greater good for all of us. Instead of driving us apart, our varied beliefs can bring us together to feed the hungry and comfort the afflicted; to make peace where there is strife and rebuild what has broken; to lift up those who have fallen on hard times." - President Barack Obama

These services and initiatives reflect the wide variety of ways government and non-profit partnerships touch the lives of so many Americans. No matter the goal, our mission stays the same—making connections that make a difference for real people.

**End Childhood Hunger:** USDA is committed to ending childhood hunger in America: [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)

**Let's Move!:** The First Lady has challenged faith-based and community organizations to help reverse the trend of childhood obesity: [www.letsmove.gov](http://www.letsmove.gov)

**Feed the Future:** The Obama Administration is pursuing a new approach to global hunger and food security: [www.feedthefuture.gov](http://www.feedthefuture.gov)

**Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food:** A USDA-wide effort to create new economic opportunities by better connecting consumers with local producers: [www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer](http://www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer)

**People's Garden:** U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has challenged USDA's employees to plant and maintain gardens at USDA facilities worldwide or help communities create gardens: [www.usda.gov/peoplesgarden](http://www.usda.gov/peoplesgarden)

**United We Serve:** This nationwide initiative helps meet growing social needs through service as a solution. President Obama has asked us to come together to help lay a new foundation for growth: [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov)

**America's Great Outdoors:** President Obama's initiative supports innovative community-level efforts to conserve natural spaces and reconnect Americans to the outdoors: [www.americasgreatoutdoors.gov](http://www.americasgreatoutdoors.gov)

**Strike Force:** USDA is sharing priorities and programs to promote community and economic development with new partners in persistent poverty counties: [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

**Creating Access to Healthy, Affordable Food:** The U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Treasury, and Health and Human Services are working together to eliminate food deserts and increase access to healthy, affordable foods: [www.usda.gov/fooddeserts](http://www.usda.gov/fooddeserts)

When it comes to providing basic needs for Americans across the country, there's no such thing as a magic formula. But when it comes to turning ideas into action and action into success, there's nothing like building partnerships with organizations like yours to connect to communities.

Here are some programs and grants USDA offers to bring us together in our common goal of reaching out to those in need:

**Goal + Resource + Action = Success**

GOAL	RESOURCE	ACTION
Help feed kids when school is out	Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program	Feed children at your organization
Help people put food on their tables	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) State Outreach Grant	Promote nutrition assistance programs
Make meals healthier	Nutrition Education	Host cooking classes at your organization
Provide fresh food for pantries and shelters	Community Food Projects Grant	Start a community garden and gleaning program
Make fresh produce more accessible	Farmers Market Promotion Program	Start a farmers market in your neighborhood
Strengthen your community	Community Facilities Grant	Build a rural community center
Provide affordable, safe housing	Farm Labor Housing Program	Provide farmworkers with housing assistance

"In the long view, no nation is healthier than its children, or more prosperous than its farmers." - President Harry Truman

