



## **Moms Clean Air Force Holds a National Food Drive to Combat Food Insecurity and Climate Change's Impact on the Cost of Food**

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*Washington, DC* - Moms Clean Air Force, a national community of over 740,000 parents united against air pollution – including the urgent crisis of our changing climate – to protect their children's health, is holding a "School's Out Food Drive" through the end of June to ease the burden of food insecurity on American families.

"Each school day, 94% of America's children suffering from food insecurity are provided healthy food through the National School Lunch program," said Dominique Browning, Moms Clean Air Force's co-founder and Senior Director. "We heard from our members and partners across the country that there is a need for additional food for the children, during summer months when school is out, in the communities in which we work each day. As an organization dedicated to the health of children, this is an issue we can't ignore."

"Hunger and food insecurity affect people of all ages across the United States," said Gretchen Dahlkemper, National Field Director. "Climate change increases the risk of hunger both worldwide and here at home in the US. We're happy to act locally to bring attention to this issue and help local families in our communities," she said.

"Climate change has a growing impact on our children through the food that they eat," said Molly Rauch, Public Health Policy Director, Moms Clean Air Force. "One of the more troubling, and lesser-known, impacts of climate change is how it interferes with global food production. Climate change is impacting the world's staple food crops – sending prices up and outputs down."

According to a [report](#) released in December 2015 by the United States Department of Agriculture, "Climate risks to food security are greatest for poor populations." The report also concluded "climate change is projected to result in increased overall food prices."

Experts at the United Nations World Food Programme predict that the risk of hunger and malnutrition could increase 20% by 2050 because of climate disasters such as floods, droughts, and shifting weather patterns.

Moms Clean Air Force chapters in Alaska, California, Montana, New Mexico, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, and the District of Columbia will be collecting food for local food banks that feed our most vulnerable communities: children, seniors, and families in emergency need.

Our families are already suffering from the burden of climate disruption. While we fight for policies to combat the most extreme impacts of our warming world, we as a community we must also provide for those suffering impacts today.

Moms Clean Air Force chapters will be collecting food for the following food banks: [Berean Baptist Church Food Bank](#), [Capital Area Food Bank](#), [Catholic Charities of Gloucester County](#), [Chattanooga Area Food Bank](#), [Downtown Soup Kitchen](#), [Feeding South Florida](#), [Food Bank of Alaska](#), [Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore](#), [Geneseo Food Pantry](#), [Interfaith Food Shuttle](#), [Livingston Food Resource Center](#), [Moraine Township Food Pantry](#), [Ozarks Food Harvest](#), [San Antonio Food Bank](#), [SF Marin Food Bank](#), [Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission](#), and [The Lighthouse Foundation](#).

For more information visit: <http://www.momscleanairforce.org/schools-out-food-drive/>

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