

VISTA Hunger Videos - Volunteers Needed

Background: Interested VISTA Anti-Hunger members are being asked to record simple videos that capture what it is like to be hungry in America. VISTA members will identify people (children, parents, seniors) from their community who are willing to talk candidly about their experiences with hunger. VISTA members will then interview the participants. The interviews, at the very least, should include the following questions:

- What are your personal experiences with hunger?
- What does it feel like to be hungry?
- How does hunger affect you physically? emotionally? mentally?
- What are some things you do to help you cope with hunger?
- How does it feel when you know that people you care about are also hungry?
- For people who have never experienced hunger, what do you want them to understand?

After the interviews, if more opportunities to video the participants present themselves, VISTA members are welcome to explore these opportunities. For example, VISTA members may be able to get more footage of the neighborhoods where the interview participants live or more footage of the participants' daily activities.

Purpose of Videos: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and VISTA are collaborating to end hunger in America. An important part of this Ending Hunger initiative should be to show the faces and stories of hunger. These personal stories of hunger will help educate and inspire the public.

Videos captured by the VISTA members will be featured on the VISTA campus in a new hunger section. The videos will also be featured on the Food and Nutrition Service's Ending Childhood Hunger webpage and shared with partners who have an interest in ending hunger.

Producers: VISTA members will video and interview hunger participants. FNS staff will edit and export videos for use in different medium. The entire process will be collaborative.

Equipment: VISTA members are encouraged to use whatever resources are available to them to record these videos whether it be a point and shoot digital camera or a professional camcorder. Quality will vary among VISTA members, but the idea is to keep things clean and simple. Technical video and audio questions can be directed to Jimmy Nguyen (jimmy.nguyen@fns.usda.gov)

Shoot locations: Communities where VISTA members live and work. Specific interview locations can be in the homes of families, schools, churches, community centers, libraries, parks, etc.

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