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NEW GRANT MONEY TO HELP FEED ARKANSAS KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

LITTLE ROCK, AR (August 19, 2013)—One in three Arkansas children doesn't know where his or her next meal will come from. For many, school lunch is the only regular meal they can depend on each day. The Governor's office, Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign and Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance are working with the Arkansas Department of Human Services to increase the number of afterschool meals programs to help ensure children get three healthy, nutritious meals each day. Churches, Boys & Girls clubs, community centers, libraries, schools, and other charitable non-profits who become authorized Afterschool Meals sponsors are eligible to receive up to $1000 in grant money from the Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign to start or expand existing afterschool programs.

No Kid Hungry capacity building grants average $500 and can go up to $1000. These grants are meant to help sponsors overcome barriers to feeding kids, such as transportation or equipment issues. The Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign also offers assistance on budgeting, outreach, and volunteer recruiting. If you would like more information about the Afterschool Meals program or Arkansas No Kid Hungry grants, contact Patty Barker at pbarker@arhungeralliance.org or 501.399.9999. Grant application deadline in October 15, 2013. **Grants will only be awarded to sponsors once they receive DHS approval.** Visit http://www.arhungeralliance.org/programs/no-kid-hungry/afterschool-meals/ to download grant application information.

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About the Alliance

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, lead partner for the Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign, is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 250 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas including the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfork, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bethel Heights and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith who are dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, education and advocacy. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs and volunteer opportunities.