

Feed My Starving Children - FMSC

“What is” ... “Who are”



1987 FOUNDING - Challenged by needs he saw on a mission trip to Honduras in 1982, late Minnesota businessman Richard Proudfit heard God say, “If you’ve seen my starving children, feed them.” Feed My Starving Children was founded in 1987 and began working to develop an effective and nutritious meal formula.



1993 RICE FORMULA - With the help of a team of Cargill food scientists and colleagues from General Mills and Pillsbury, a vitamin-and-mineral fortified rice meal was created specifically for malnourished children around the age of five years old. FMSC changed the name from “Fortified Rice Soy Casserole” to MannaPack™ Rice in 2008.



1994 VOLUNTEER PRODUCTION - After bottles, cartons and machine-canning were ruled out, a timely donation came: 1 million plastic bags from a discontinued Green Giant product. Board members trial-packed a few bags and today’s volunteer meal-packing model was born. In 2005, productivity jumped 40% when engineers recommended volunteers form “cells” around the funnel.



1994 FIRST MEAL SHIPMENTS - Volunteers were recruited to help pack meals for FMSC’s first major shipment of MannaPack Rice to a pediatric hospital in Rwanda, Africa, via FMSC partner Operation Blessing. Meals were then sent to Haiti via Mercy Ships, then to Belarus and Paraguay. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries through hundreds of food distribution partners. More than 99% of meals have arrived safely.



1998 — 2004 TRANSITION & REDEDICATION - For many years, FMSC struggled to produce 2-3 million meals a year. The founder left the organization in 1998 to start a different charity. In December 2003, the board rededicated FMSC to Christ and hired current Executive Director/CEO Mark Crea in April 2004. Prayer became a priority every day. Support increased dramatically.



2004 SITE EXPANSION - One site in Brooklyn Park, Minn. expanded to two with a site in Eagan, Minn. Other expansions rapidly followed: Chanhassen, Minn. in 2006; Aurora, Ill. in 2008; Schaumburg, Ill. in 2010; Tempe, Ariz. in 2011; Libertyville, Ill. in November 2012; and Richardson, TX in July 2018. In 2009 the Brooklyn Park HQ and packing site moved to its current location in Coon Rapids, Minn. In 2015 the Tempe packing site moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 2019 the Eagan, MN packing site expanded and the Schaumburg, Illin. site is about to relocate to expand. FMSC opened a warehouse in Norcross, Ga. in 2014 and Middletown, Penn. in 2015.



2004 FIRST MOBILEPACK™ - Youth Encounter (YE) asked FMSC to bring a service experience to 300 students gathering in Kansas City, Mo. It was successful, and YE asked for more events. FMSC MobilePack events were born.



2007 FMSC MARKETPLACE - While visiting an FMSC partner in Haiti, staff member Meghan Howard bought several hand-beaded bracelets from a group of young artisans. She then purchased 100 bracelets made by women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to sell at FMSC. In a matter of days, they sold out and generated \$500 for the artisans. FMSC bought more and sold more, and FMSC’s MarketPlace began. In fiscal year ‘16/’17, FMSC supported 1,951 local artisans in countries that receive FMSC meals and FMSC MarketPlace sales provided 5,263,360 meals.



2008 — 2010 POTATO FORMULAS - FMSC collaborated with leading HIV nutritionist Cade Fields-Gardner, MS, RDN, LDN, CD, to develop MannaPack™ Potato-D, the world’s first and only food to treat diarrhea, a leading killer of children worldwide. When orphanages began using the smooth formula to feed infants, FMSC modified the formula to create Potato-W, a weaning food that provides complete nutrients for babies 7-12 months old.



2011 CROPPS PROGRAM - FMSC's CROPPS (Coalition of Relief Organizations Promoting Practical Solutions) sustainability initiative launched in Nicaragua in 2011 to develop relationships between FMSC partners working in the same country and other like-minded organizations to collaborate on best practices in food aid, agricultural development, government, ministry and more. CROPPS groups are currently established in Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Liberia, Philippines, Honduras, El Salvador and Swaziland.



2012 PBFA PROGRAM - FMSC initiated a short-term, highly targeted project (1–3 years) called PBFA (Project Based Food Assistance) to bring church, government and community leaders together in a comprehensive campaign to eliminate hunger at its roots in a specific community. Projects are currently underway in the Philippines and Dominican Republic.

THEN & NOW

1994 – 2,409 volunteers packed 400,00- meals

2017 – More than 1.2 million volunteers packed more than 333 million meals

Living Waters Conference of the Northeast Iowa Synod (That is us!)

We are hosting a....

Mobile Packing Event

October 24, 25, and 26th in Osage, Iowa

Goal – to pack 175,000 meals (Cost \$42,923.52)

Four ways Help is Needed:

Pray – that God’s hand is in the midst of our work

Fundraising – that we can pay for the supplies we need

Volunteer and Recruit packers – there will five packing sessions over the three days

Event Volunteers – people to help set up (Thursday) and clean up (Saturday), greeters at the event (each day), registrars (check packers in and show them “what’s next”) and a few cooks to feed the staff.

T-Shirts are available for \$15 adults and \$10 youth adult (S – 4XL) and youth (S – L) sizes

Half of the price of the shirt goes in as a donation.

Place your orders through the parish office

Sign-up Now!

We have 50 spots reserved from 9:00 – 11:00 am on Saturday morning.

Sign-up for those spots in your narthex or call the parish office.

Other times are available – sign-up online.