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## **RR DW Global Service Project – Woman to Woman Worldwide 2016: *Smoked Fish Microcredit Project of the Council of Churches in Ghana***

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### **Smoked Fish Microcredit Project of the Council of Churches in Ghana**

The smoked fish microcredit project is a project of the Christian Council in Ghana to enable women and their families to afford basic necessities, educate their children, and to build on their means of production to earn a living.

The art of fish smoking is performed at the artisanal level in the coastal towns and villages in Ghana, as well as in other coastal African countries. In these fishing communities, fish

processing and sales are the primary economic activity of women, as it is a common ingredient in many Ghanaian soups and sauces.

The Christian Council of Ghana and the women in the microcredit project chose to learn the art of smoking fish for many economic and practical reasons. A few of the reasons include that the process of smoking fish enhances flavor, prolongs the shelf life of fish, and makes the fish easier to pack, transport, and sell.

The [Christian Council of Ghana](#) is the unifying body of Christians in the country. Representing 26 member churches and three Christian organizations, the Council joins together in a common purpose to work for achieving justice, unity, reconciliation, and the integrity of creation in all aspects of Ghanaian society. The Council is dedicated to work for an increased realization of social and economic rights of disadvantaged women, men and children in Ghana.

# GRR DW Regional Service Project – *Feeding America*

In 2016, Disciples Women in the Great River Region raised \$886 for Feeding America – for every \$1 donated, 11 meals are created –  
**Disciples Women – you served 9,746 meals last year!!**



Our mission is to feed America’s hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger.

Through the assistance of local and national food assistance programs, Feeding America is able to offer a variety of services to people struggling with hunger. We provide safe and nurturing places for children to have a meal; food that helps seniors meet their specific nutritional needs; emergency assistance for disaster victims; and a chance at stability for adults trying to break the cycle of poverty and hunger.

## FOOD BANK NETWORK

The Feeding America Network  
200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs strong.



## HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED

The Feeding America network of food banks works with agencies to provide food through pantry and meal programs, which help families, students and seniors facing hunger and poverty make ends meet

• Mobile Food Pantry	• Community Health and Nutrition
• School Pantry Program	• Disaster Response
• Senior Grocery Program	• SNAP Outreach

## HELPING HUNGRY CHILDREN

Proper nutrition is critical to a child’s development. We believe that all of us can help end child hunger in America and the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks have many programs that specifically address this childhood hunger. From Summer Food service programs to the Backpack program, Kids Café and the Child Hunger Corps.

## GREAT RIVER REGION HUNGER STATISTICS:



In Arkansas, 19.1% of the population struggle with food insecurity

Avg meal cost \$2.76



In Louisiana, 17.3% of the population struggle with food insecurity

Avg meal cost \$2.82



In Mississippi, 22.3% of the population struggle with food insecurity

Avg meal cost \$2.88

### Feeding America Fundraising Ideas

Ready to *Set the Table?* Choose from the options below to start fundraising for a hunger-free America. You'll have access to a personalized online fundraising center with all the tools you'll need to set up a personal fundraising page, accept online donations, email your friends and family, connect with them through social media, and track your progress in the fight to end hunger. Every dollar you raise helps share meals through the Feeding America network of food banks with children and families facing hunger!

- On your birthday – Ask your friends to share meals with those who are hungry instead of buying you a gift.
- For your special occasion – Getting married? Make the occasion more special by asking your guests to donate instead of registering for gifts.
- Having a party? – Instead of their appetizers and wine, what if you asked your friends to bring a donation to your next dinner party?
- Use your athleticism – As you train for your next competition, ask your friends to show their support by sharing meals to help solve hunger or ask friends to sponsor you based on a performance goal.
- Bring your teamwork – A group can have an even bigger impact. Work together on a fundraiser to help solve hunger in America
- Use your creativity – You bake a mean cupcake. You take stunning photos. You are creative! Share your creativity and end hunger.