

International Bulletin- Fall 2011

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Hello Juniors and Juniorettes,

I hope you had a great summer. Unfortunately the summer has not been a good time for those in Somalia and the Horn of Africa, where they have been experiencing a terrible drought and escalating food prices. More than 10 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. Below are some ways to help. Please keep me posted about the terrific international projects you do.

Unicef is the largest supplier of therapeutic and supplementary nutrition in Somalia. Despite the challenges to a country torn apart by conflict, insecurity and poverty, UNICEF is able to operate to ensure that supplies reach children. Children weakened by malnutrition are susceptible to killer diseases like measles and malaria so UNICEF is providing vaccination campaigns to protect famine refugees. Just \$10 can provide 321 sachets of Multiple Micronutrient Powder containing essential vitamins to give a powerful boost to infant survival and development. \$80 can provide 1,000 sachets of Oral Rehydration Salts to help children combat dehydration.

Get your trick or treat for Unicef orange boxes so children can collect donations for Unicef as they get candy.

boxes <http://youth.unicefusa.org/trickortreat/>

International Rescue Committee-The IRC first began assisting Somalis in the early 1980s following the Somalia-Ethiopian conflict. Forced to halt programs due to a resurgence of violence, the IRC restarted relief efforts in 2007 and has joined with local authorities to provide critical services and resources like health care, clean water and sanitation.

Here are some ideas for fundraising events.

You can host a casual buffet or an elaborate sit down dinner, an afternoon tea, or a pizza party. Ask your guests to bring a donation equal to the cost of the meal and give it to the IRC.

Go to <https://www.rescue.org/donate/overview> for more information.

United Nations World Food Programme – Go to their website for teacher materials to help students learn about hunger. Have your child and their friends check out these games and see how other children have donated to wfp.

[Free Rice](#) - Test your knowledge and donate rice!

[Food Force](#) - The hunger video game

[Stop Disasters!](#) - A disaster simulation game from the UN/ISDR

[Get Real](#) - The truth about Junk Food! From the School Food Trust

[Arcademic Skill Builders](#) - The site for educational games

<http://www.wfp.org/get-involved/ways-to-help>

Oxfam America – Sign the Oxfam pledge. Oxfam's goal is to reach 3 million people with programs to save lives and reduce the risk that famine will strike again. The food crisis has ensnared more than 10 million people across the Horn of Africa (Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia) and in two regions of Somalia the United Nations has declared a famine/human catastrophe. Oxfam is rushing aid to the area, providing emergency food distributions, supplementary feeding for children, veterinary care for livestock, seeds and tools for planting new crops, and clean water and sanitation. Oxfam is asking for you to sign the pledge below to ensure our planet is ready to feed 9 billion people by 2050.

Demand that our leaders use crops for food, not fuel. Pressure Congress to make sure ALL our food aid actually reaches those who need it most—right now, half never makes it. Hold corporations accountable when they bet on food prices, causing costs to spike and people to go hungry. Push world leaders to help small farmers, who are facing more frequent droughts, floods, and storms.

<http://actfast.oxfamamerica.org/index.php/takeaction/online>

Juniorette ideas:

Save the Children

Join more than 150 stars including Lady Gaga, U2, Justin Bieber, Jay-Z, and The Rolling Stones and download the song “High Tide or Low Tide” by Bob Marley. Donations or downloads of "High Tide or Low Tide", for \$1.29 will go to the Save the Children appeal for east Africa and used for food, water and medicine.

The Save the Children campaign, called "I'm Gonna Be Your Friend," shows a video of Bob Marley & The Wailers' 1973 song, 'High Tide or Low Tide', accompanied by footage of malnourished children created by award-winning film director Kevin Macdonald.

Go to www.facebook.com/bobmarley or <http://www.imgonnabeyourfriend.org/> to download the song.