



*Eau Claire County*  
**HIDDEN  
HUNGER**

Summer 2014

## Hunger Highlight

Welcome to the first Eau Claire County Hidden Hunger Newsletter. You have been sent this quarterly newsletter because after viewing, "A Place At the Table," or a poverty or food security training, you indicated interest in assisting to reduce community food insecurity.

Below you will find sections about...

- how you can get involved
- our efforts to provide food security locally

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obligation toward  
the human being  
not to let him  
suffer from hunger  
when one has a  
chance of coming  
to his assistance"*

**- Simone Weil**  
*French Philosopher*

# How Can You Help?



**Volunteers needed Fridays in August**  
Can volunteer individually or in groups

**DETAILS** [Click Here](#)



**A volunteer needed on July 1 & 8**  
to deliver summer weekend kids' meal bags from FMPFB to UWEC.

**CALL** Suzanne Becker (715)835-9415



**Volunteers needed first Thurs of each month**

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**Support the Token Program at the Eau Claire Downtown Farmers' Market**

Token program gives SNAP (FoodShare in WI) participants the opportunity to access Farmers' Market produce. You can use your credit or debit card to buy tokens. A \$1 transaction fee is charged per purchase to help sustain the program.

**VIEW Token Time Farmer Market** [Click Here](#)

## Recent Food Security Efforts

### Expanded Summer Weekend Meal Program

Feed My People Food Bank and community partners expanded summer backpack meals and promoted summer dining programs. Weekend meals provided by FMPFB.

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### WQOW Story Spotlight: The Difficulty of Living off FoodShare

We're working to increase community awareness through media. This WQOW spotlight, called "\$4.50 a day," highlights the difficulty of living off FoodShare reimbursements.

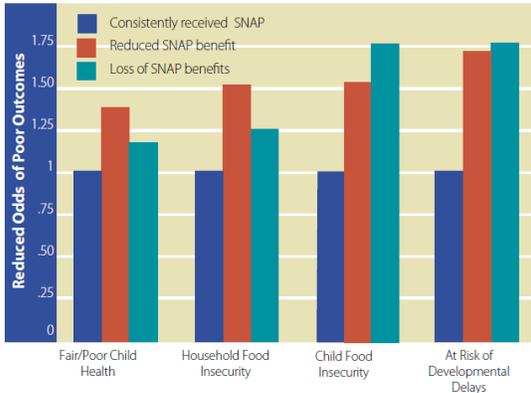
*VIEW \$4.50 a Day Video* [Click Here](#)

### WQOW Video: Food Insecurity

What is food insecurity? Do we really have food insecure people in our community? Watch the video and see local families who struggle to access healthy food.

*VIEW Food Insecurity Video* [Click Here](#)

# HUNGER NEWS



Source: Children's HealthWatch Data, 1998-2012. All reductions statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$

\* This number was calculated by determining the hunger-induced costs for illnesses, poor educational outcomes, undermined life-time earnings, and charity.

<sup>†</sup> Families who never received SNAP, did not know about the program or did not want to participate in the program were not included in our analysis.

<sup>‡</sup> TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, commonly known as welfare

<sup>§</sup> SSI – Social Security Income; child recipients have a verified disability

## Punishing Hard Work: The Unintended Consequences of Cutting SNAP Benefits

Evidence has shown Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, called FoodShare in WI) to be a powerful medicine for the treatment of food insecurity. New data suggests that young children from families that have been cut off from SNAP or had their SNAP benefits reduced when their income exceeds eligibility limits are significantly more likely to be in poor health, be at risk for developmental delays and experience child food insecurity than those whose families currently receive benefits. (See graph for details, Children's Health Watch)

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