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Buy someone a meal during Hunger Awareness Week

University of Montana--Missoula. Office of University Relations
BUY SOMEONE A MEAL DURING HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

MISSOULA--

Students will raise money for local and international hunger relief organizations during the 26th annual Hunger Awareness Week at The University of Montana, Nov. 13-19. Activities throughout the week will focus on deepening understanding of the causes and effects of hunger in Missoula and beyond.

Organizers will solicit donations from the campus community for the Missoula Food Bank, the Poverello Center and Oxfam America, an international relief and development organization. On-campus students are asked to donate through deductions from their meal plans, while off-campus students, faculty and staff are encouraged to contribute at the Hunger Awareness Week display table in the University Center.

The week’s activities include:

- a 24-hour hunger vigil for those who wish to meditate and pray on behalf of people worldwide who are hungry or fasting. The vigil will begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1400 Gerald Ave.
- Fast Day, Thursday, Nov. 18, when everyone is encouraged to give up a meal or more in solidarity with the hungry.
The annual Hunger Banquet, also on Thursday, breaks the fast at 5:30 p.m. in the Lodge’s Cascade Country Store with a dinner representing how the world eats. Fifteen percent of diners will receive a complete “first-world” meal including dessert, while 25 percent dine simply on rice, soup and juice and the remaining 60 percent eat only rice and water, as do the majority of the world’s people. The banquet’s featured speaker, the Rev. Brian Allbright, will share his knowledge of world hunger and poverty issues.

After the Hunger Banquet, a Break-the-Fast Worship service will be held at The Lifeboat, 532 University Ave. People of all faiths are welcome.

For more information, call Shane Sanchez at 728-3845.

Major sponsors of Hunger Awareness Week are Lutheran (ELCA and LC-MS), Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, International Student Christian Fellowship and United Methodist Campus Ministries, UM Dining Services, and the Residence Life Office. Business sponsors include Coca Cola, the Staggering Ox, Food for Thought, Grizzly Grocery, Little Caesar’s Pizza, Great Harvest Bakery and ASUM Programming.

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