

# South Carolina

## HUNGER AT A GLANCE

**27%** of kids in South Carolina struggle with hunger

**359,000**

low-income children in South Carolina receive free or reduced-price school lunch.

## The Problem

All of these kids are eligible for other critical meals, but too many are missing out.

**Only 64%**

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting school breakfast.

**Only 20%**

of children eating free or reduced-price school lunch are getting summer meals.



## No Kid Hungry Campaign

No child should grow up hungry in America, but one in five children struggles with hunger. Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign is ending childhood hunger in South Carolina and all across America by ensuring all children get the healthy food they need, every day. The No Kid Hungry campaign connects kids in need to effective nutrition programs like school breakfast and summer meals and teaches low-income families to cook healthy, affordable meals through its Cooking Matters program. This work is accomplished through the No Kid Hungry network, made up of private citizens, public officials, nonprofits, business leaders and others providing innovative hunger solutions in their communities.

## Our Impact in South Carolina

Since summer 2011, No Kid Hungry efforts have helped bring more than 34 million additional meals to kids who need them and found ways to replicate that success around the country. In South Carolina, the No Kid Hungry campaign is focused on expanding access to free meals in the summer, and afterschool meals. The campaign is also empowering families with the skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare healthy, affordable meals through Cooking Matters.

## Stories of No Kid Hungry in South Carolina

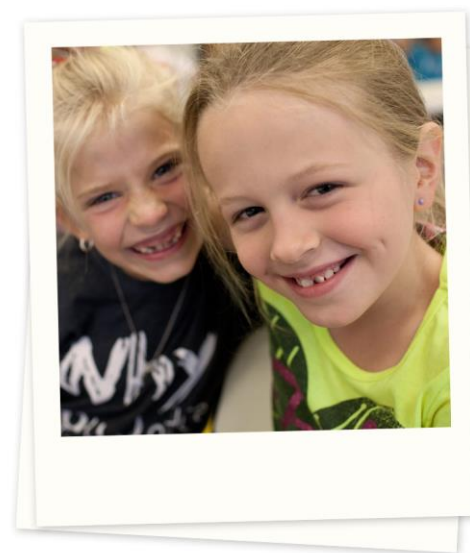
George Booth teaches middle school at Lead Academy, a charter school in Greenville, South Carolina. Ninety percent of the kids who attend the school are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. As a coach, George often picks up his students for games because their parents work on the weekends.

On the way to a recent game, he was going through a checklist with one of his star girl basketball players, "Equipment?" "Check." "Water?" "Check" "Lunch?" "I didn't have anything." "Breakfast?" "I didn't have anything." George was about to respond as a coach with a reminder that eating a healthy lunch and breakfast would help fuel the game, but then it dawned on him that this wasn't a matter of choice. She didn't eat because there wasn't anything at home to eat.

George knows that many of his students struggle with hunger and it affects their energy and physical ability. George is passionate about supporting the No Kid Hungry campaign so that students like his have the healthy food they need to grow and thrive.

## Our Partners in South Carolina

The No Kid Hungry network in South Carolina includes: The Lowcountry Food Bank • Unity in the Community Outreach • YMCA of Greater Charleston • Project Host, Inc.



## Take Action

Learn more about how you can help end childhood hunger.

**Take the No Kid Hungry pledge at [NoKidHungry.org/Pledge](http://NoKidHungry.org/Pledge)**