



Welcome to the 2023 SJE Fill the Bowl Hunger Event!

Our planning team has already begun meeting, praying, and preparing for you and this moment!

Thank you for signing up to be a part of this year's hunger event! As a part of this event, you will have the opportunity to raise funds to make a difference in world hunger, fast, and grow in your empathy for others. Together we will share our stories and help hungry children in Tanzania, Africa!

We are thrilled that you are willing to partner with Thrive Global Project this year and will be a part of continuing our youth group's annual tradition of making a difference in world hunger. Thrive Global Project is a locally (Charlotte) rooted organization that works tirelessly to provide students with school resources to empower them in the classroom - including providing hot, nutritious lunches.

Over the past 20 years, St. John's youth have raised over \$1 million for world hunger through our annual hunger relief event (previously known as the 30 Hour Famine). A few years ago, we worked to develop and tweak the 30 Hour Famine and now call it 'Fill the Bowl'.

We are also pleased that the recipient of our funds is Thrive Global Project's program, **The Lunch Project**. In these past five years, our students at St. John's have raised \$160,000 for this program! The Lunch Project is now serving 6 schools lunches 5 days a week, in part, because of 'Fill the Bowl'!

Additionally, in the summer of 2018, SJE sent a team of 13 to Tanzania to meet the school children and see our funds at work! It was an incredible trip.

The culmination of our event will take place on Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd and 23rd when we fast for 30 hours, have a lock-in at St. John's, present to the congregation on Sunday and turn in fundraised money. Participants will be sent information about the weekend events closer to the event.

Here are some preliminary details:

- **Check-in** begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning
- **Closing** worship will be Sunday morning at 10:15
- Parents (AND ALL SJE PARISHIONERS) are invited to join us following the 10:15am service for a meal and closing ceremony!
- Anyone can to fundraise- regardless of their participation in the the event!

Thrive Global Project is offering some amazing fundraising incentives - including a trip to Africa!

- **When you raise \$500:** Get a TGP Patch - put it on your backpack to join the TGP Tribe!
- **When you raise \$1,000:** Get some Awesome TGP Swag! (Could be a Tshirt, Hat, Mug. etc.)
- **When you raise \$2,500:** Get both a TGP patch and Awesome TGP Swag items!
- **When you raise \$5,000:** Get one TGP Patch and two TGP Awesome TGP Swag items!!!
- **When you raise \$15,000:** ONE free TGP Vision trip to Tanzania (not including airfare or extra food/drink- and if under 18, you must travel with your parent or guardian. Their trip will not be paid for. Must also travel on an official TGP Trip.)

This packet is designed to provide answers to any questions you or your parents may have about fundraising and The Lunch Project! If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rachel (rachel@stje.org or 843-384-4628)

We had the best time at the 2022 Fill the Bowl where we raised over \$40,000 to help give students in Tanzania the FUEL TO THRIVE! We can't wait to make 2023 bigger and better.

Bahati njema,

('Blessings' in Swahili - language spoken in Tanzania)

Rachel Shelton