

LABELS ARE FOR JARS™

ABOUT HUNGER

Hunger exists everywhere. Hunger does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, or sex. It affects our children, the unemployed, the disabled, the homeless, and the working poor.

Hunger happens in communities all around Massachusetts, even if it is not always visible. Hunger is a reality in Lawrence, MA.

The statistics that perhaps most shockingly reveal the reality of hunger in Lawrence, MA are those that are released through the city's annual studies of school-age children. In recent years, those studies have consistently indicated that approximately 75 percent of school-age children qualify for government-subsidized food programs. This means that three out of four children in Lawrence are at risk for hunger.

If all people are created equal, and if all people have the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, much more must be done by all of us to feed the hungry in Lawrence.

In Lawrence today, thousands of men, women, and children do not have enough to eat. Without having enough to eat, children are unable to learn in school. Families are unable to break cycles of tension and violence. Young men and women are unable to reject the money offered to them through prostitution and illegal drug sales and other crimes. People of all ages are unable to resist the numbing effects of drug and alcohol abuse. While no one argues that hunger is the single cause of the multitude of social problems in Lawrence, unless the reality of hunger is concretely addressed, the city's social problems will not only continue, but will deepen.

Labels Are For Jars is eliminating hunger in Lawrence.

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