

WORLDWIDE MALNUTRITION

- Every 7 seconds a child dies from hunger.
- 24,000 people die each day from hunger and hunger related diseases: 8.8 million people yearly will be dead due to lack of food.
- 790 million people are malnourished.
- Malnutrition rates: USA 2.5%, Congo 71%
- 27% of children in developing countries are malnourished.
- 30,000 children die each day: malnutrition contributes to half these deaths.
- In the first 2 years of life, malnutrition affects brain development, impairing mental and physical development.
- Malnutrition increases risk of infections and death.
- Major causes of malnutrition: poverty, world conflicts, lack of education, natural disasters, poor access to health care.

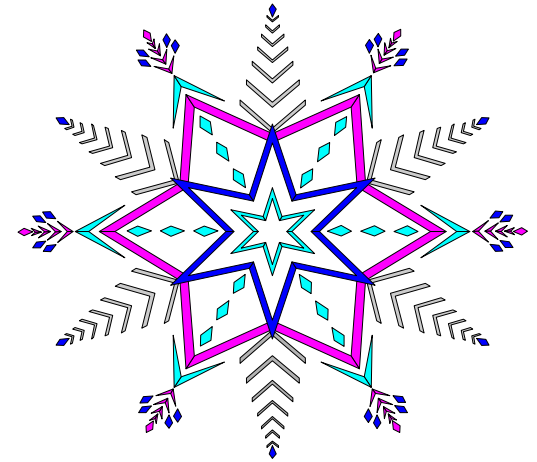
AMERICAN MALNUTRITION

- 2.5 % undernourished.
- One in ten households experience food shortage.
- 46% Blacks chronically hungry.
- 40% Hispanics chronically hungry.
- 16% Whites chronically hungry.
- One out of 4 elderly are malnourished.

NEWBURYPORT MALNUTRITION

- 44 Children receiving WIC
- 7.5% of school age children receive free or reduced lunch.
- Two food pantries, 6 soup kitchens in Newburyport.
- 30-50 of people serviced per meal.

A child's death is like a snowflake melting; we will never know the lost impact, the lost possibilities.



**Freedom from
hunger and
malnutrition is a
basic human right.**

On several occasions, the United Nations has called on countries to recognize the right to food, most recently at the 2002 meeting of Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN in Rome, Italy. At that meeting, delegates from 182 countries approved the "right to food" resolution, with only the United States objecting.

POVERTY WORLDWIDE

- **Half the world - 3 billion people - lives on less than \$2/day.**
- **Number of children in the world 2.2 billion; number living in poverty 1 billion.**
- **The Gross Domestic Product of the poorest 48 countries is less than the 3 richest *people* combined.**
- **1.1 billion people (400 million children) in the world don't have access to clean drinking water and every 8 seconds a child dies from water born illness.**
- **1.6 billion don't have electricity.**
- **Life expectancy: USA 78, Mozambique 40.**
- **640 million children live in inadequate shelter.**
- **270 million children don't have access to health care.**
- **2.2 million children die each year because they weren't immunized.**
- **For more information:
www.millenniumcampaign.org**

POVERTY USA

- **Among the 21 affluent nations of the world, the USA has the highest number of children living in poverty (18.9%), twice that of the second highest.**
- **US has largest gap between rich and poor of any industrialized nation: bottom 40% live on under \$22,000 a year with the USA having the highest number of billionaires in the world: 269.**
- **America spends less than 1% of the federal budget on poverty.**
- **12.7 % live below poverty level - 37 million people.**
- **District of Columbia has the highest rate of poverty - 33%.**
- **MA 9.2 % poverty, Louisiana 16.7 %.**
- **5.6 million children are in extreme poverty. Extreme poverty means living below 7, 870 for a family of 3.**
- **8.6% of whites live in poverty; 25% of blacks.**
- **Veterans account for 1/3 of our homeless in America.**

POVERTY NEWBURYPORT

- **381 unemployed (7/06), 3.8 unemployment rate.**
- **2,417 people living below poverty level.**
- **231 children living below poverty level.**
- **348 AFDC, medicaid recipients.**
- **Multiple assistance medicaid recipients (under 25 yrs old) 51.**
- **23 documented child abuse/neglect.**
- **150 low income elderly, income less than \$1,851 month.**
- **Low income housing: 150 elderly, 48 families, 92 section 8 vouchers; 7 on emergency housing list and a minimum of 10 year waiting list for non-emergency housing.**
- **5.4% of children 5-17 do not speak English at home.**
- **25% do 3rd graders do not meet MCAS standards.**
- **HIV/AIDS has increased 25% in MA since 1999.**
- **MA 1,200 homeless families.**