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Northern Virginia Teens Are Trying to Starve Hunger

Falls Church, VA—On February 22-23, more than 150 young people from churches across Northern Virginia plan to participate in the annual World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

“29,000 children die every day from hunger and preventable problems, but it only takes \$30 to feed and care for a hungry child for a month and \$360 to feed a child for a whole year,” says Jeremy Mauck of Graham Road Church. “When I do the 30 Hour Famine, I know I can make a difference and change the lives of kids forever. My goal is to feed at least two children for a year. I’m determined to bring that 29,000 number down.”

During the 30 Hour Famine event, students ask for sponsor donations as they go 30 hours without food to experience real hunger and participate in activities that help them better understand life in a developing country. The students also take part in contests, games, and community service projects in Virginia and Washington, DC. This year, Famine participants are learning about hunger issues in Africa, as well as right here in Northern Virginia.

The students participating with this multi-church group are planning to make sandwiches for So Other Might Eat (SOME) in Washington, DC, volunteer at Rising Hope Mission Church on Rt. 1 in Alexandria, and assist with the Happy Hats project at Holy Trinity Lutheran making soft, cheerful hats for children with cancer. Anyone interested in participating in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine or sponsoring a Famine participant can contact Jim Harrington at 703-409-9350. More information is available on the web at www.30hourfamine.org. This year’s Famine event will be hosted by Friendship United Methodist in Falls Church.