

OXFAM AT A GLANCE

THE OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET® EVENT

After 40 years, this interactive and memorable event is still going strong. Here's how a volunteer-led effort is changing hundreds of thousands of lives.



WHAT IS AN OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET® EVENT?

An *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* event is an interactive community event designed to bring hunger and poverty issues to life. Every year, volunteers organize hundreds of these events on campuses, in schools, and in cities around the US.

// [At *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* events] I have heard insightful thoughts from every kind of person, from teens to veterans. No matter who is in the room, there's always evidence of a change in viewpoints. ... It helps create an environment where we can talk about what's wrong and how each of us can act with Oxfam to right these wrongs. //

—Volunteer event organizer, 2015

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE EVENT?

Guests at an *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* event draw tickets upon arrival. Each person is assigned at random to a high-, middle-, or low-income group, based on the latest statistics about global poverty. Each group then eats a corresponding meal, from nutritious to sparse. A master of ceremonies shares facts and stories about real-life inequality and invites guests to discuss their experiences.

WHY HOST AN OXFAM HUNGER BANQUET® EVENT?

"Incredibly moving." "Life-changing."
"A new perspective on what the statistics are really like." That's how just a few recent participants described it—and they're not alone. Though an *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* event is relatively easy to organize, it leaves a lasting impression on those who attend. And because guests often feel inspired to make a difference, each event helps grow the movement to end poverty and hunger.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Download Oxfam's free toolkit, which includes a step-by-step planning guide, script, tickets, and more. We also have event experts on staff to help you make your *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* event a success. To get started, go to oxfamamerica.org/hungerbanquet.

BY THE NUMBERS

1974: Year of the first *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* event

900,000+: Estimated number of people attending *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* events since then

500: Average number of *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* events organized by volunteers each year

50: Percentage of guests who draw tickets for the low-income group, representing the world population earning less than \$1,990 a year

Oxfam is a global movement of people working together to end the injustice of poverty. With 70 years of experience in more than 90 countries, Oxfam takes on the big issues that keep people poor: inequality, discrimination, and unequal access to resources including food, water, and land. We help people save lives in disasters, build stronger futures for themselves, and hold the powerful accountable. Join us: oxfamamerica.org.

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