NorthStar Wins Big in Its First-ever Food Fight

In mid-May, volunteers from across the NorthStar Church Network and beyond gathered for the first-ever Food Fight, a meal-packing event through Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

FMSC is a Christian, non-profit organization whose mission is to feed children who are hungry in body and spirit. They conduct events where volunteers of all ages pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children, and then they ship the meals to their distribution partners. Their meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world.

New Hope Church in Lorton began working with FMSC several years ago. For this year, they wanted to pack over 5 million meals to feed nearly 14,000 children for a year. To do so, they held their event over three days at the Dulles Expo Center and hosted thousands of volunteers.

The BGAV invested $100 of Virginia Hunger funds for each BGAV church in the network, totaling over $11,000 to help with effort. After the three-day event concluded, not only did the NorthStar...
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Additionally, nearly 9,000 pounds of food were donated to the Capital Area Food Bank, allowing local food pantries to provide over 7,000 meals.

If your church would like to learn more about FMSC, visit www.fmsc.org.

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Volunteers smile as they help pack some of the 5+ million meals. (Photo courtesy of Feed My Starving Children)