



## NEW MEXICO TASK FORCE TO END HUNGER

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### **New Mexico Task Force to End Hunger Holds World Food Day Conference**

#### October 16 Proclaimed World Food Day in New Mexico

*Santa Fe, October 13, 2006* – To bring awareness to both worldwide hunger and the specific challenges faced in New Mexico, the NM Task Force to End Hunger and other public and private agencies are sponsoring a World Food Day Conference on Monday, October 16, as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Food Day observance. This year's conference, "Power of the People: Bottom Up Solutions to Hunger," will be in Albuquerque at the Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Hunger and food insecurity are considered a hidden problem in America, but the fact is that many of our friends and neighbors in New Mexico go to bed hungry because there is no food in the home. "This is a big challenge, and something the New Mexico Task Force to End Hunger has been hard at work on," said Katie Falls, Human Services Department Deputy Secretary.

Governor Bill Richardson's proclamation supporting efforts to end hunger at home and abroad will be read by HSD Deputy Secretary Katie Falls.

The conference will also include an update on what is being done statewide and locally to fight hunger and increase awareness of the importance of balanced diets.

Attendees will then join a teleconference hosted in Washington D.C. examining the important role played by grassroots' movements in fighting hunger around the world. Finally, there will be panel presentations on local and international perspectives on the problem of hunger here and abroad and recommendations on ways to combat the problems.

**CNM is located at 2000 Coal Ave., SE. The conference will be in the Jeanette Stromberg Hall, Room 300, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m... Please call 1 800-648-7167 for more information, including information about parking. For those attending, a donation of a non-perishable food item is requested to participate in the conference, which will be donated to the NM Association of Food Banks.**

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