

FEEDING CHILDREN EVERYWHERE RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM CIGNA

Regular access to nutritious and sufficient food is the starting point for a healthier, more productive life.* Unfortunately, more than 12 million children in America experience food insecurity,** which can significantly impact their physical and mental health.** It may lead to poorer educational outcomes, contribute to developmental impairments in areas like language and motor skills, and lead to social and behavioral problems.***

Grant provides groceries for the underserved

In an effort to help reduce childhood food insecurity across the country, the Cigna Foundation awarded a \$1 million grant to Feeding Children Everywhere last fall. This is part of its five-year, \$25 million **Healthier Kids For Our FutureSM** initiative to address the health and well-being of children around the world.

The grant directly supports the Feeding Children Everywhere Full Cart program, which provides underserved families nationwide with a box of groceries delivered directly to their homes, at no cost. Recipients receive items such as meal kits, common groceries, snack foods, and fresh produce. The Full Cart program also donates gift cards to schools and community organizations, empowering crisis counselors to provide assistance for families in need.

"Healthier Kids For Our Future is Cigna's resounding call to action that together, we can help end food insecurity in communities around the world."

— **David Green**
Chief Executive Officer
Feeding Children Everywhere

"Through the partnership with Feeding Children Everywhere's Full Cart program, Cigna Foundation is providing the capacity to help millions of families with the nutritious meals they need for healthy lives," said David Green, Chief Executive Officer, Feeding Children Everywhere.

An immediate and lasting impact

"When we set out to reduce childhood hunger in the communities where we live and work, we knew the need was significant," said Susan Stith, Vice President, Diversity, Inclusion, Civic Affairs, and the Cigna Foundation. "Food insecurity and lack of quality nutrition can create lifelong chronic conditions, and this program - by simply bringing groceries to those in need - will have an immediate impact on those who receive it."



Healthier Kids for Our Future grant applications

The Cigna Foundation is awarding up to \$5 million in Healthier Kids for Our Future grants to nonprofit organizations working to reduce food insecurity. We encourage qualified organizations to [apply for a grant](#).

About Feeding Children Everywhere

Feeding Children Everywhere is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the vision of a hunger-free world in our lifetime. The Feeding Children Everywhere **Full Cart** program puts families back in control of their grocery budgets by offering a package containing meal kits, common grocery items, and fresh produce delivered directly to their front doors. [FeedingChildrenEverywhere.com](https://www.FeedingChildrenEverywhere.com).

* Feeding America, [Child Food Insecurity: Map the Meal Gap 2019](#).

** American Psychological Association: [Effects of Poverty, Hunger and Homelessness on Children and Youth](#), 2019.

*** Feeding America, [What happens when a child faces hunger?](#) 2019.

