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NEWS RELEASE

**Local Rotary Clubs Sponsor Meal Packaging Event in partnership with End Hunger NE on November 14**

Rotary District 7910 is sponsoring an End Hunger NE (New England) food packaging event on November 14 from 1-4 PM at the Solomon Pond Mall in Marlborough, MA. The goal is to package at least 50,000 meals in three hours, and volunteers of all ages are invited to participate. Interested participants should register [clicking here](http://rotary7910.org/Event/9dfeafae-65ce-41d9-b07f-61eadf30be4c) or by contacting Carol Toomey at [CarolRotary@aol.com](mailto:CarolRotary@aol.com) or Steve Sager at [ssager@sagerlegal.com](mailto:ssager@sagerlegal.com).

“Over 700,000 in Massachusetts do not have access to enough food to maintain an active and healthy life. Over 213,000 children go hungry every day just in Massachusetts alone,” said Steve Sager, Co-Chair for the Rotary program. “Some of the most food insecure areas in Massachusetts are right here in our Rotary district. We are doing something about it, but we need help.”

The assembly process combines ingredients for Mac and Cheese, Rice and Beans, and Savory Italian Tomato Basil Pasta meals. The meal packages are then distributed to local food pantries, backpack programs, and soup kitchens. Local organizations interested in receiving the packaged food should contact Kathy Gemma at [kagemma@verizon.net](mailto:kagemma@verizon.net).

Donations will also be accepted to underwrite the cost of the food. Each meal costs 25 cents or $1 per family of four. Send tax-deductible donations to the Rotary District 7910 Charity Fund, Inc., c/o Lee Ouellette, 52 Lupine Road, Lowell, MA  01850.

End Hunger New England is part of Outreach Program, whose mission is to provide safe water, food, medical care and education to children and those in need at home and abroad. For more information about End Hunger NE, visit [endhungerne.org](http://endhungerne.org) and [www.facebook.com/EndHungerNE](http://www.facebook.com/EndHungerNE).

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