Annual door-to-door food drive is Oct. 22.

Share Our Strength is a National Outreach Program promoted by the National FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) organization.

More than 16 million kids in America struggle with hunger. That's a number that can't be ignored but is often overlooked. Most people find it hard to believe that anyone in the U.S. could be going hungry. The U.S. is the world's wealthiest nation after all.

But it is an undeniable fact. So 'Share Our Strength' created the No Kid Hungry campaign to end childhood hunger in America. Through No Kid Hungry, kids are getting access to the food they need to live, learn and play.

Perkins County FCCLA Chapter is planning an activity for later this year to provide funds for the No Kid Hungry campaign nationally. Visit the No Kid Hungry website at http://nokidhungry2.org/fccla-and-no-kid-hungry

Learn more about No Kid Hungry and pledge to stop child hunger. In October the Perkins County High FCCLA is focusing on local hunger issues and ask for support of the local Perkins County Food Pantry with the annual FCCLA Food Pantry Drive.

On Oct. 22, Perkins County High FCCLA members will be canvassing the local community for food pantry items. They will be out collecting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please leave a porch light on if there is a donation. If a home is missed, please call 352-4735 to have items picked up or take items to the high school office.

HUNGER FACTS

According to national statistics:

• More than 16 million kids in America struggle with hunger. That's one in five kids or over 21percent of all kids.

• 10.6 million kids who are eligible for free or reduced-price school breakfast do not get it.

• 19 million kids get a free or reduced-price school lunch on an average school day.

• Five out of six eligible kids do not get free summer meals.

• 0.3 million people in America got help through SNAP (food stamps) in 2010; half of them (20.1 million) were children.

• 15.5 million children in America live in poverty.