

Mission Statement:

Project: Focus On America was developed as a result of meetings with hundreds of grass-roots service organizations across the United States during Hunger Project: Run Across America. In all 50 states, youth leaders will be asked to participate in town meetings with key state social service organizations, hunger task force and homeless coalition programs. All town meetings, individual interviews and conditions that best represent the severity of these problems will be video-documented. The emphasis will be to encourage interaction with the directors of the front line service programs and present the needs that exist to generate additional support of the many excellent programs working today. Resource materials and information will be available nationwide for concerned citizens to get involved and move as a nation to bring an end to these unacceptable conditions in America today.

National Focus:

The construction of a National database on hunger, homelessness, and poverty will provide information on each state at the county level. This resource will provide data on key contacts and needs of the front line service providers.

Focus On America updates to:

National Interfaith Networks
National Public Broadcasting Systems
National Media Networks

State Focus:

- **V**ideo/photo documenting the most severe conditions that illustrate these problems in each state.
- **T**own meetings and presentations will be planned and will include students from the high school/college level and interfaith community
- **M**edia networks invited to all events
- **S**tate and interfaith community to obtain updates and be asked to participate.
- **P**ublic Broadcasting Systems will be invited to help in the communication of this project and findings throughout their state.

Regional Focus:

- **A** resource and training guide will be released on "How to Support" existing service programs. Information will be made available on finding solutions to these problems in our communities.
- **Y**outh leadership training will be emphasized to help in organization of these outreach efforts throughout each state.

