

## Calling Poets to Write Anew about Preventing Hunger Now More than Ever!

One of the many looming threats of the current pandemic is an expected surge in levels of hunger and food insecurity. Many folks who were previously food secure are suddenly facing hunger square on. Spikes in hunger are predicted in our neighborhoods, across each state, throughout our country and in countries around the world.

Here are a couple of relevant news reports –

From CNBC -- <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/31/coronavirus-crisis-wheels-up-russell-wilson-team-to-help-hungry.html>

From Hunger Notes -- <https://www.worldhunger.org/on-resilience-hunger-food-and-disease-outbreaks/>

While many of you have previously written wonderful, moving poems about hunger that appear on the *Poetry X Hunger* website (PoetryXHunger.com) and Facebook site, this new threat calls for a special effort.

*Poetry X Hunger* is urging poets in this **Now More than Ever** moment to use their gift of words to raise voices against hunger as it accompanies the pandemic. Please consider writing a poem focused on this new hunger threat. While you are free to submit such poems anywhere, *Poetry X Hunger* will be most welcoming; we plan to post several such poems on our website and Facebook page.

Here are the specifics –

- Write a family-friendly poem in Word format of no more than 40 lines focused on some aspect of the impact of the pandemic on hunger and food insecurity. Some possible topics:

- Gratitude to those who are the food security front lines, i.e. food bank workers, farmers, food delivers, food aid workers around the world, etc.
- Concern/Fear over looming hunger among vulnerable groups and others
- Calls to action
- Send the poem along with a 2-sentence bio and your picture to [PoetryXHunger@gmail.com](mailto:PoetryXHunger@gmail.com) By doing so, you'll be giving Poetry X Hunger permission to post your poem on its website and/or Facebook page.
- If you are younger than 18 years of age, please say so in your cover note and tell us that you have parental consent to post your poem. We will not post your picture.
- Deadline: There is no deadline. But, we'd appreciate receiving some poems as soon as you write and polish them.

*Poetry X Hunger* anticipates posting many of the poems that we receive. We also hope that hunger-focused organizations will find such poems useful in their work; we will contact you to make sure you are ok with your poem being used by such groups. And speaking of those organizations...if you can, please help support any hunger prevention group.

Send any questions about this call to [PoetryXHunger@gmail.com](mailto:PoetryXHunger@gmail.com).

We need your powerful poetry that gives voice to our collective concerns and our efforts to reverse hunger trends. Especially now!

Yes, **Now More than Ever!**

