

Our Approach to Food Packing – How Are We Different?

ImpactLives is a non-profit organization that combines leadership training, education and service learning experiences with works of social justice. ImpactLives is not a relief organization. While there's no question that relief efforts are vital to saving lives when disaster strikes, ImpactLives chooses instead to focus our work on providing sustainable solutions that result in transformational change in communities – one life at a time.



So what is the role of the food? ImpactLives uses food packing as a *teaching and learning tool* for participants of our programs. Here is how it works – and how we are different.



Service Learning

Service learning combines service objectives and learning objectives with the intent that the activities change both the recipient and the provider of the service. When food packing is used as part of a service learning experience, participants learn about themselves, and others, and then use the food packing service learning experience – along with critical reflection – to change how they see the world and the role they play using their strengths and talents.

When ImpactLives' food is delivered to communities in need, we take time to understand why the food is needed and take exceptional care to ensure it is distributed as part of long-term efforts that are often part of a much larger team strategy to create change and empower those living in underserved communities. We do not allow communities to create a dependence on the food. Instead, the food allows people to temporarily take the pressure off how they will feed their families – or for children to go to school instead of work – and focus on ways to create opportunities for sustainability for themselves and their communities.

Leadership Development: the Roots of our Programs

ImpactLives is an inclusive organization that works with schools/universities, corporations, non-profit boards, faith-based groups and individuals, using strengths-based leadership development tools such as:

- Leadership Frame
- Strength-Based Leadership
- State of the Heart Leadership
- Servant & Transformational Leadership
- Cross-Cultural & Global Competencies
- Intrinsic Motivation
- Action Planning



How To Get Involved

If your goal is to be a part of something truly transformational, then ImpactLives is for you. Transformational growth is sustainable. It's achieved by examining one's core beliefs and values – paired with insight into what is happening around the world – and followed by action and critical reflection. Is it worth it? Yes! Just ask the thousands who have been impacted over the years. Contact us today for more information and to get involved.