Don't miss the

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OPENING RECEPTION

DATE: Tuesday, October 11
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
LOCATION: Salon Foyer

GOAL:
10,000 MEALS
PACKED FOR UNDERPRIVELEGED YOUTH FROM 7-8PM

First **100 attendees** will receive a **FREE** t-shirt

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FEEDING CHILDREN EVERYWHERE

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AAU Cares is the Amateur Athletic Union's way of giving back to the community. Our organization strives to provide not only athletic opportunities but also lessons in learning, life and social responsibility in the community.

EVENT INFORMATION

in partnership with Feeding Children Everywhere

The AAU will be teaming up with *Feeding Children Everywhere* during the opening reception to assemble thousands of healthy meals for underpriveleged youth in the community. Through the organization's assembly line model, participants will be mobilized to hand package meals during a Hunger Project in a high energy, competitive and team-building atmosphere. Since *Feeding Children Everywhere* launched in 2010, the organization has been directly responsible for more than **52 million meals distributed** across **47 countries** by **354,000 participants**. The AAU will contribute to that total by packaging **10,000 meals** to benefit underpriveleged youth in the San Antonio area. **Thank you for your participation!**

SUCCESS STORIES

AAU VOLLEYBALL athletes, parents, coaches and officials packed 40,000 meals for underpriveleged youth in Orlando in partnership with Feeding Children Everywhere. Participants donated money and signed banners to benefit survivors of the tragic shooting at The Pulse nightclub.

AAU REGION 6 athletes, parents and coaches helped the homeless with a toiletry drive during the week of competition. More than 100 items -- including soaps, shampoos, toothpaste and toothbrushes -- went to benefit the Knox Area Rescue Ministries, who supplies rescue services of food and shelter to those in need.

The **AAU JAMES E. SULLIVAN AWARD COMMITTEE** launched the new AAU Cares initiative in conjunction with the 86th AAU Sullivan Award presentation at the New York Athletic Club by donating bicycles to six underpriveleged youth in Brooklyn, New York.

AAU BASEBALL held its first-ever "Little Sluggers" hour-long baseball clinic for athletes (ages 3-8) whose older siblings were competing in the AAU Baseball Grand National Championships. The event attracted nearly a dozen boys and girls who were eager to learn how to hit, field and run the bases.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

AAU Cares is for everyone. We encourage you and your team to get involved in giving back to your community. Here are some ways you can get involved:

AAU Proud. The purpose of this program is to provide athletic activities and sport skills to children aged 4-7 in a non-competitive environment that promotes self-confidence while staying active.

Feeding Children Everywhere. Feeding Children Everywhere is a social charity that empowers and mobilizes people to assemble healthy meals for hungry children in your community.

Meet the Need Food Drive. Partner with your local food bank during a practice or event. Advertise a drop-off locations for items such as canned vegetables, peanut butter and school snacks.

Kids Helping Kids. Have a special wishing well on display for the duration of competition where athletes can write a letter of encouragement to a child in need and make a wish.

For more information about how to host an AAU Cares event in your community, contact **Joe Gura** at jegura@roadrunner.com.