# Be a Hero for a Better World



"We have the resources (to end hunger), we know what has to be done, and it's something that can be achieved at a rather modest cost."

## George McGovern (1922-)

George Stanley McGovern is a former US Congressional Representative, Senator, and for five decades has been a leader in the struggle to end world hunger. After flying combat missions in World War II and then teaching as a political science professor, George McGovern entered politics and was elected to the US Congress in 1956. In 1960, John F. Kennedy appointed him as the first director of the Food for Peace Programme, and George McGovern played a major role in the creation of World Food Programme (WFP) in 1963. He was elected to the US Senate in 1962 and served until 1981. George McGovern was the Democratic Party's nominee for President in 1972 but lost to Richard Nixon. While in the Senate, he helped expand important nutrition programs and was a strong opponent to US involvement in the Vietnam War.

After the Senate, George McGovern continued working to end world hunger. He served as ambassador to the UN Agencies on Food and Agriculture and was chosen as WFP's first Goodwill Ambassador in 2001. In 2000, George McGovern was awarded America's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

### George McGovern was born on July 19, 1922 in Avon, South Dakota

### Be A Hero For A Better World!

- 1. Find out more about this hero
- 2. Pledge to help end hunger (iaahp.net)
- 3. Hold an event to raise awareness about the problem of world hunger
- 4. Contribute to an organization working to end hunger

#### **Organizations Helping End Hunger**

- Alliance To End Hunger (alliancetoendhunger.org)
- America's Second Harvest (secondharvest.org)
- End Hunger Network (endhunger.com)
- Food For All (foodforall.org)
- Oxfam America (oxfamamerica.org)
- World Hunger Year (worldhungeryear.org)
- The Hunger Site (hungersite.org)

Free Online: EndHungerBook.com

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