Benefits of skills-based volunteering with Rise Against Hunger:

- Develops new talents and leadership skills
- Provides volunteers with fresh perspective and renewed energy
- Builds stronger relationships with and for the mission
- Employee volunteers maximize corporate support and impact
- Professional level skills strengthen Rise Against Hunger operations and capacities
- Heightens the volunteer’s awareness of hunger-related issues
- Promotes hunger and poverty advocacy
- Enhances corporate social responsibility programs

Who We Are, What We Do
Rise Against Hunger’s vision is not only to meet the demand of those suffering from hunger, but also to empower the compassionate volunteers that want to help them. Rise Against Hunger offers a skills-based volunteering program as a way for corporate volunteers to engage at a deeper level while building capacity for our organization. Personal talents and professional competencies are individually matched to strengthen Rise Against Hunger’s infrastructure and to help Rise Against Hunger successfully achieve its mission.

The Opportunity
With numerous U.S. and several international locations, we welcome corporate employees to volunteer all over the world. Assignments can be anywhere from a few weeks to several months. We then collaborate with our partners to determine the right assignment which could include strategic planning with our Board, Marketing, Development, Program, or Finance Teams.

Our corporate partners and volunteers will benefit by knowing they can create a greater impact on critical social issues by offering its own best resource – its professional expertise.

Contact
For more information on how your company can work with Rise Against Hunger and help transform the lives of your staff and those in need, please contact our Corporate Relations Team: Karen Sanders Noe at knoe@riseagainsthunger.org or Aid Procurement Director, Paul Renaud at prenaud@riseagainsthunger.org.
KURT AREHART - Genworth Volunteer

Genworth, a leading financial security company, believes one of the best ways to help a nonprofit is by utilizing the skills and expertise of its employees. In 2012, Genworth Financial executives developed a business expansion plan for Rise Against Hunger’s meal packaging program in the U.S., identifying key markets for future operations. Kurt Arehart, Business Competitiveness Manager for Genworth Mortgage Insurance, has been instrumental in building capacity and support for the Rise Against Hunger mission. Leveraging his experience in analysis and strategic planning, Kurt has led committees in development of new Rise Against Hunger programs and initiatives, and currently serves on its board of directors.

“Leading a team of Genworth professionals, working along with Rise Against Hunger staff to create a domestic expansion planning tool was a great experience,” says Arehart. “My diversely skilled Genworth team was able to make a big difference for Rise Against Hunger, and felt very rewarded in the bargain. I have found that using my individual professional strengths in the service of Rise Against Hunger is a deeply meaningful way to give back.”

BARBARA DEAN - GlaxoSmithKline, PULSE Volunteer

In 2009, GSK launched a skill based volunteer initiative (PULSE) where employees are matched to non-profit organizations for either 3 or 6 months. The PULSE Volunteer Partnership has enabled 486 employees from across 51 different countries to work with 92 nonprofit partners in 61 countries. The PULSE mission is to Change Communities, Change Yourself, and Change GSK.

“My experience at Rise Against Hunger has been very rewarding, both professionally and personally. ‘Be the change you wish to see in the world.’ Ghandi’s quote resonates with me because big changes can start from small beginnings. Using my skill sets, GSK tools and ways of working, I was able to make positive and sustainable changes to an organization that already has a strong vision and mission to end hunger in our lifetime. I now have the opportunity to share back to GSK the great ideas and passion that Rise Against Hunger embraces. This PULSE assignment is truly a WIN-WIN for all.”

RALPH PUCKETT - GlaxoSmithKline, PULSE Volunteer

GlaxoSmithKline, one of the world’s leading pharmaceutical and healthcare companies, is a long-time supporter of Rise Against Hunger. Its PULSE Volunteer Partnership matched employee Ralph Puckett with Rise Against Hunger for a six-month, skills-based assignment in 2013.

Ralph shared, “During my recent vision trip to Belize, I personally witnessed the many miracles where Rise Against Hunger met the needs of many hungry children and adults.... These sights and sounds have been a true blessing to my heart.”

Following his PULSE commitment, Ralph became a Rise Against Hunger CHEF (Certified Hunger Event Facilitator) and hosted a 10,000 meal event at his home for 60 friends to celebrate his 62nd birthday.