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Reflection:

It is an unfortunate reality that food security and access to a healthy variety of foods is not an **expectation** but rather a **privilege**. Access to proper diet is the result of long-term discriminatory practices. Impoverished groups, which often include people of color, are threatened by hunger. Many of these impoverished communities are also the result of **redlining**, a discriminatory and racist practice that bars BIPOC from home ownership and creates minority, low-income communities. One of the consequences of this practice is the creation of **food deserts**, which are low-income communities that do not have direct or close access to fresh and healthy food. This leads to a disproportional amount of individuals in this low-income, minority community who suffer from hunger, obesity, and many other health-related disorders. Alarmingly, 8.4% of the American population lives in these food deserts. Furthermore, food deserts are also associated with supermarket redlining, a practice followed by large supermarket chains in which they relocate existing stores to suburban areas and avoid building locations in inner cities and low-income neighborhoods. This further contributes to a lack of necessary fresh food options for economically disadvantaged individuals. Unfortunately, fresh food options in many avenues are very limited for these people because of racist practices in the food industry. **Our community is lucky** to have access to many different fresh and healthy food options. Thus, it is part of **our responsibility** to help bring social justice to those lacking food security. Whether it be through short-term contributions or large efforts, we must provide a channel for marginalized groups to access the nutritious and delicious food they should be privileged to.



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environminions2023 Day 3 Greener: In our journey, we've come to recognize the harsh truth: food security and the ability to enjoy a nourishing diet often hinge on racial biases and remain a privilege rather than an assumed right. Our plan to launch a school donation program and raise awareness about hunger through impactful posters represents the initial strides on our path towards a greater aspiration. 🌱

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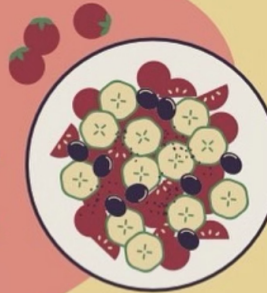
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Step 2

Beyond establishing school clubs and programs, we can further amplify our impact by creating posters and websites to spread awareness to people in our local communities about diet's relation to racial prejudice, and encourage people to learn more about food drive/distribution.



Where are the donations from our students going to?

All donations are going to Island Harvest, the largest hunger relief organization on Long Island, with service hours exceeding 40,000 per year! Taking small but meaningful steps, with the assistance of Island Harvest, we can make great impacts in our mission to resolve hunger and inequity.

