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Three Square & Food Insecurity

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Intro: Three Square



Taken by Holly Slear at Three Square

Three Square is dedicated to eradicating food insecurity through food rescue and food bank programs.

- Give the food insecure “three square” meals a day
- Aids mostly families, veterans, & the elderly
- 1-2% of Three Square aid goes to the homeless
- More than 1600 Community Partners
- Providing more than 37 million meals a year

Facing the Paradigm

Charity: Donations from grocery stores, businesses and individuals make up the food bank.

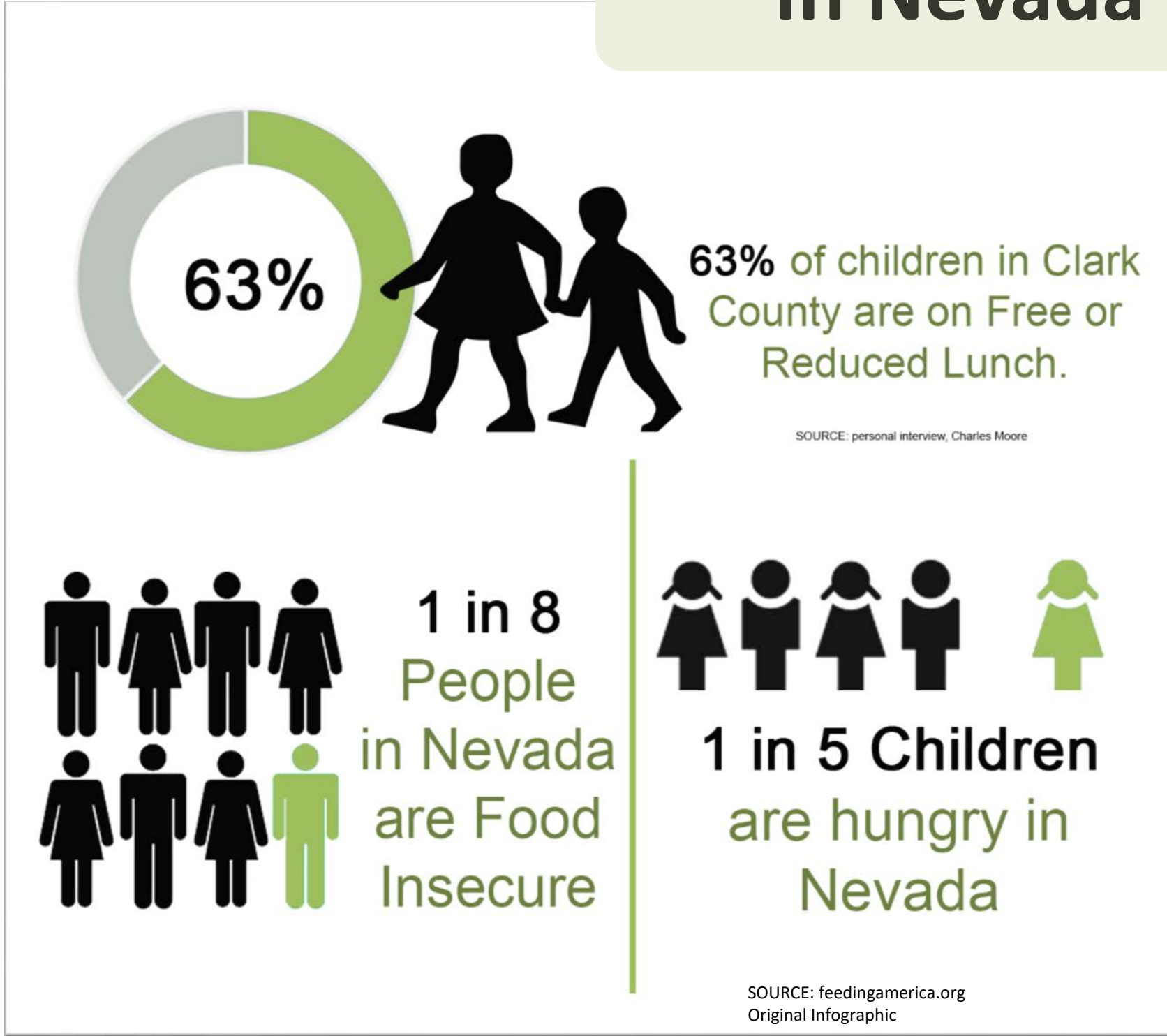
Project: Food banks, SNAP program feed the food insecure all over Las Vegas.

Social Change: Combat the problem head on; raise awareness for policy change needs. Too complex to eradicate locally.

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Food Insecurity

In Nevada



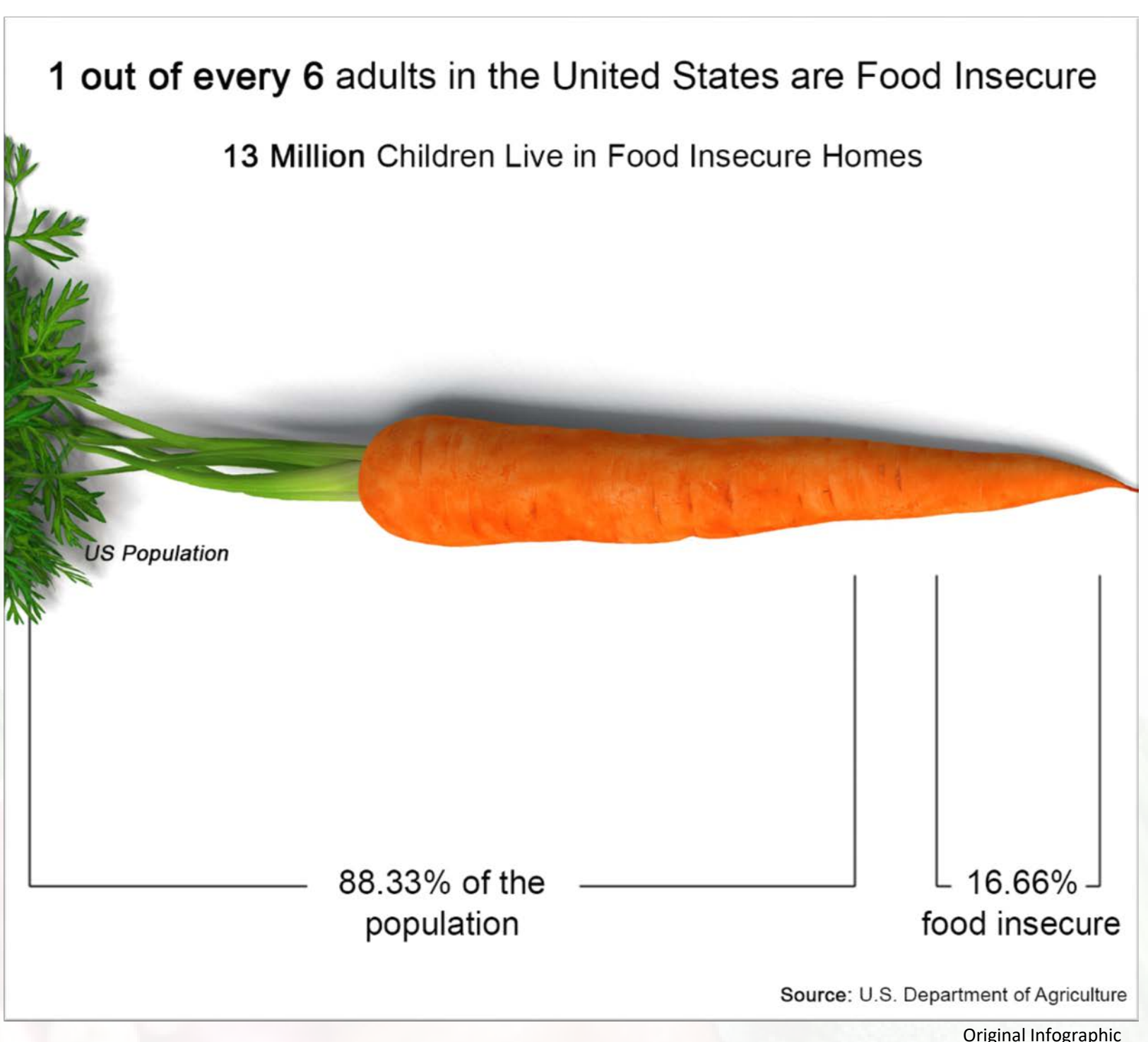
- **420,000** Nevadans Use SNAP
- **270,000** SNAP Users in Southern Nevada
- **1 in 8** Nevadans are Food Insecure
- Food Insecurity is Down, but Significant
- Three Square Supplies SNAP in Nevada
- Three Square Supplies Food Banks
- The Programs are Working, but Social Change is Difficult to Achieve.

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In the United States

- **1 in 6** Adults are Food Insecure
- **13 Million** Children in Food Insecure Homes
- Worst Counties are **Over 30%** Insecure
- **Disparity** is Disguised in the Big Picture
- The Most Food Insecure States **Can't Keep Up** With the Needs of the Hungry
- **Policy Changes** are Needed to Create Social Change, but Food Insecurity is Complex
- Socioeconomic Disparity and Income-to-Needs Ratios are the Main Causes

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Making a Difference



Photo Credit: Naval Surface Warriors

A Community in Need

Your time will make a difference. So will your smile.

- Three Square is a huge operation and it needs every volunteer's helping hand -- my hands fed the hungry
- Operations like Three Square exist because of volunteers
- Some people just need to be treated like human beings
- Giving food also gives hungry families extra time and energy

Knowledge is Power

Future educators need to know their student's reality.

- Through this experience I now know the hardships children face and can anticipate how to help
- As a future educator, resources for food insecure families will help ensure children can grow healthy and focus on their school work more readily
- When legislation comes around, I know where I stand
- Empathy and knowledge of the prevalence of food insecurity across the demographics is important