



## Best Practices for Higher Education

**Title of Best Practice:** GMU Student Meal Assistance Fund

Which category does this practice fall under? Check all that apply.

	<p><b>Enrollment Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with admissions process</li> <li>• Encouragement to seek post-secondary education</li> </ul>
	<p><b>FAFSA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determinations</li> <li>• Redeterminations</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Identification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness of homeless youth on campus – among faculty, staff, and administrators</li> <li>• Awareness of homeless youth on campus – among students</li> </ul>
<b>X</b>	<p><b>Supports for Basic Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food</li> <li>• School supplies</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Supports for Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-campus solutions</li> <li>• Off-campus solutions</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Supports for Academic and Emotional Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic advising</li> <li>• Counseling services</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Campus Service Projects</b></p>

<b>Where did this practice/information come from? Where was it implemented?</b>
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<b>Description of practice</b>
Raise money for students who don't have enough to eat. Students in need will get vouchers from the Office of Student Support and Case Management
<b>How long has this practice been in place?</b>
<b>What have been the positive outcomes of this practice? What impact has it had on UHY?</b>
<b>What level of effort is required to implement this practice?</b>
<b>What level of effort is required to sustain this practice?</b>
<b>How is this practice funded?</b>
Sodexo gave \$1000. Students raise the rest.

<b>How is this practice sustained?</b>
<b>Who should be involved?</b>
<b>What have been the challenges to implementation? How have those challenges been addressed? Do you have any advice or tips for others implementing this practice?</b>
<b>Related web links</b>
<a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/local/wp/2013/12/02/some-george-mason-students-are-homeless-others-launch-meals-program-to-help/">http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/local/wp/2013/12/02/some-george-mason-students-are-homeless-others-launch-meals-program-to-help/</a>
<b>Description of attached documents</b>