



## Emerson National Hunger Fellowship

### The Field Placement

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#### What do Hunger Fellows work on during the Field Site Placement?

*Hunger Fellows...*

- Design, develop, evaluate, and enhance local anti-hunger, health, poverty and food access programs and initiatives.
- Design outreach and enrollment strategies for federal programs such as the Food Stamp Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.
- Conduct research on the use of federal, state and local programs and other anti-hunger and anti-poverty initiatives.
- Conduct and promote anti-hunger & anti-poverty advocacy and education on a local and statewide level.

#### Field Highlights & Accomplishments

*Hunger Fellows...*

- Created a *Guide for Grocers* on how to become an authorized food stamp retailer.
- Linked anti-hunger/anti-poverty programs to free tax preparation services and the EITC by incorporating public benefits screening at tax sites and creating a curriculum for use in training volunteers to run this new network of complementary services.
- Conducted community outreach, led meetings of community leaders, and helped initiate new summer food programs in counties not previously providing adequate Summer Food Service Programs.
- Established numerous Kid's Café programs, community gardens, food salvage programs, community kitchens, and one of the country's first food banks on a Native American Reservation.
- Authored a report assessing county-wide utilization of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) that includes results of a survey of all county family home daycare providers and group childcare, summaries of interviews conducted with CACFP stakeholders, and a mapping project depicting gaps in CACFP participation.
- Compiled research on the benefits, challenges, and potential of urban agriculture in one northeastern city, and provided a detailed report and specific recommendations for implementation to city officials.
- Evaluated nutrition services for diabetic clients living with HIV/AIDS.
- Organized the first conference addressing hunger on Native American Reservations.
- Developed *Community Food Security 101: What's the Food System Got to do with It?*, an interactive educational tool to introduce people to the concepts of community food security.
- Created *Advocacy Rethooled*, an innovative anti-hunger and poverty advocacy toolkit targeted at community level anti-hunger leaders and communicates the importance of advocacy work in eradicating hunger and poverty, and presents a hands-on, engaging approach to advocacy.

#### Sample of Past Field Site Host Organizations

Food Bank of Alaska - Anchorage, AK  
Association of Arizona Foodbanks - Phoenix, AZ  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, WRO - San Francisco, CA  
California Food Policy Advocates - Los Angeles, CA  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, MPRO - Denver, CO  
The Hartford Food System - Hartford, CT  
Florida Impact - Tallahassee, FL  
Idaho Community Action Center - Boise, ID  
Center for Economic Progress - Chicago, IL  
Logan Square Neighborhood Association - Chicago, IL  
Community Farm Alliance - Louisville, KY  
Boston Medical Center - Boston, MA  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute - Boston, MA

Hope House - New Orleans, LA  
Tulane University - New Orleans, LA  
Nutrition Consortium of New York State - Albany, NY  
Food Change - New York, NY  
Food Bank of North Carolina - Raleigh, NC  
Lifelong AIDS Alliance - Seattle, WA  
Worcester County Food Bank - Worcester, MA  
San Antonio Food Bank - San Antonio, TX  
Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger - Burlington, VT  
Children's Alliance - Seattle, WA  
D.C. Hunger Solutions - Washington, D.C.  
Hunger Task Force - Milwaukee, WI

For a full list of organizations and other information, please visit: [www.hungercenter.org](http://www.hungercenter.org)

*"I feel like I could go conquer anything. In that realm it's very empowering. I really am prepared to be a leader in the field.... I'm in the minority of people who have done the work hands on and who can speak with authority." - Fellow, 9th Class*