

Annual Report 2006



*The National School Lunch Program
makes it possible for all school
children in the United States to receive
a nutritious lunch each and every
school day. Research shows that when
a child's nutritional needs are met,
the child is more attentive in class,
and has better attendance and fewer
disciplinary problems.*

—FOOD RESEARCH & ACTION CENTER, 2006



Student enjoys her school lunch. USDA Photo by: Ken Hammond

Cover photos, clockwise from top left:

Bilingual sign (English/Spanish) in support of food stamps, displayed by the Community Food Bank in Tucson, Arizona.

Representative James P. McGovern visits with a Sudanese woman during his trip to Africa.

The thirteenth class of Emerson fellows celebrates on the Capitol steps.

Member of the third class of Leland Fellows, Todd Flower (third from left), placed with Save the Children, assesses the progress of the Model Homestead Farmers' tree nursery in Nakasongola, Uganda.

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Nutritious food offered at school will attract hungry children to attend school and improve both attendance and school performance. Providing take-home rations will also offer economic incentives for families to send their children to school.

— HUNGER TASK FORCE REPORT,
UN MILLENNIUM PROJECT 2005

Our Mission:

Fighting Hunger by Developing Leaders

Our Vision:

To raise up a new generation of leaders dedicated to ending hunger in the lives of over 36 million people in the United States and 840 million men, women and children around the globe.

What Makes Us Unique:

For over 10 years the Congressional Hunger Center has served as a nexus where those engaged in grassroots field operations can connect with policymakers to craft more effective solutions to end hunger. Over 500 leaders have graduated from our programs—young people who will spend their time, talents, and energy fighting hunger and poverty. These leaders have gained the skills, knowledge and experience to inspire hope and fight hunger in the United States and around the world.



School lunch in Cambodia. Ethiopian students eat a nutritious school provided meal. Bolivian children prepare for school lunch.

Letter from the Executive Director



Edward M. Cooney

For the Congressional Hunger Center (CHC), 2006 has been a year of growth and transition. Our 13th class of Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows will soon return to Washington to choose between an array of anti-hunger policy placements, and our third class of Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows are at the mid-point of policy placements in Washington, DC, London, Rome, Cambodia, Senegal, and Ethiopia. Overseeing these programs, we now have a permanent staff of thirteen dedicated employees. This year, seven of us—Emerson program directors John Kelly, Kristin Anderson, and Aileen Carr; Mohamed Gurey, director of finance; Sherian Roggeband, director of human resources and operations; and me—celebrated our fifth anniversary with CHC.

We have enlarged our board this year to include greater representation and participation of alumni from the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Fellowship programs, the private sector, unions, and allied anti-hunger groups. We welcomed six new board members: Ashley Aakesson, former Leland fellow; Shana McDavis-Conway, former Emerson fellow; Cal Dooley, president and CEO of the Grocery Manufacturers Association/Food Products Association; Vicki B. Escarra, president and CEO of America's Second Harvest; Lou Gerber, legislative director of the Communications Workers of America; and John R. Sander, US Department of State (retired)/management consultant. We are delighted to have them join us.

In the policy arena, Margaret, deputy director, and I have played active roles in assisting allied groups achieve their policy objectives on domestic and international anti-hunger initiatives. I have assisted the National Anti-Hunger Organizations (NAHO) and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation-funded Farm and Food Policy Project to develop their 2007 Farm Bill proposals. Margaret has worked with the Alliance for Food Aid to enhance programs and procure adequate funding for international food aid in the Farm Bill and related legislation.

Looking ahead to 2007, we are proud to announce another major transition for CHC: We have negotiated a new multi-year lease at the Hall of States Building near Union Station and the Senate offices. We will now have a 40-seat conference room in which to conduct training and professional development days for our fellowship programs. This will be the first time in our thirteen-year history that we will have a state-of-the-art, in-house training facility to enhance our ability to achieve our mission of "Fighting Hunger by Developing Leaders."

I would like to thank the UPS Foundation for its two-year grant to CHC and the Association of Nutrition Services Agencies (ANSA) for our national public education campaign on "Food as Medicine" for people with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. CHC also appreciates the continued financial support and assistance from Congress, USDA's FNS Budget Office, General Mills Foundation, Altria Group, Inc., MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, Sodexho Foundation, and Mars, Inc. Finally, we thank our board of directors, partner host organizations, and our current and former Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland fellows. We look forward to hosting many of you in 2007 in our new office and training space as we work together to end hunger!



CHC Staff with Amb. Tony Hall in April 2006. (From Left) Allegra Cira, Jose Ravano, Margaret Zeigler, Ed Cooney, Amb. Tony Hall, Kristin Anderson, Sherian Roggeband, Mohamed Gurey, Amara Bilal, and John Kelly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward M. Cooney".

Edward M. Cooney

Letter from the CHC Board Co-Chairs, Representative Jo Ann Emerson and Representative James P. McGovern

Honorable Jo Ann Emerson
Member of Congress
CHC Board Co-Chair

Honorable James P. McGovern
Member of Congress
CHC Board Co-Chair

Honorable Byron Dorgan
Member of Congress

Honorable Dennis Hertel
Member of Congress (Retired)
Attorney at Law
The Livingston Group, L.L.P.

Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress

Honorable Frank Wolf
Member of Congress

Ashley Aakesson
Executive Director
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David Beckmann
President
Bread for the World

Cal Dooley
President and CEO
GMA/FPA

Karen Coble Edwards
Principal
KCE Public Affairs Association

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President
The Leger Company, Inc.

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President and CEO
America's Second Harvest—The Nation's Food Bank Network

Brian Folkerts
Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs
Kraft Foods, Inc.

Al Franken
Actor/Comedian

Lou Gerber
Legislative Director
Communications Workers of America

David Kantor
President
Victory Wholesale Group

Marshall Matz
Partner
Olsson, Frank and Weeda, P.C.

Shana McDavis-Conway
Manager of Community Outreach and Grassroots Organizing
Center for Science in the Public Interest

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President
The Molpus Advisory Group, L.L.C.

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Management Consultant

Jim Scheibel
Instructor
Hamline University

Mary Catherine Toker
VP, Government Relations
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Edward M. Cooney
Executive Director

Dr. Margaret M. Zeigler
Deputy Director

Ambassador Tony P. Hall
Founder

Ambassador Arthur E. (Gene) Dewey
Founding Director

Serving together as co-chairs of the Congressional Hunger Center Board of Directors gives us the unique opportunity to work on a bi-partisan basis with other dedicated citizens to end hunger in the United States and around the world. Since 1993, the Center has trained the next generation of young anti-hunger leaders in America. The Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows are a living legacy to former members of Congress, Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives and who dedicated much of their time and effort to bring attention to the hungry at home and abroad.

In 2006, Emerson and Leland fellows lived and worked in challenging urban and rural locations across the United States and in twelve countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Fellows served in communities affected by Hurricane Katrina, helped populations facing displacement from drought and poverty, and spent up to a year in remote areas of the developing world. In the United States, Emerson fellows helped to increase access to fresh local produce for people in rural areas, worked to help migrant children participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and evaluated the adequacy of food stamp allotments and their impact on household food security. Overseas, Leland fellows worked with poor farmers in Uganda to develop and market agricultural products for export, researched the nutritional impact of high protein grains grown in Bolivia, investigated the links between child labor and hunger, and provided nutritional support for people living with HIV/AIDS in Senegal. Their dedication and commitment to becoming effective anti-hunger leaders continues to inspire us and others with whom they work at their host organizations. This report highlights their work and we hope it inspires you as well.

As board co-chairs, we continue to work closely with CHC to raise awareness about hunger. We thank our fellow board members for their support to CHC and invite you to join us in the coming years as we continue "fighting hunger by developing leaders."



Rep. Jo Ann Emerson and
Rep. James P. McGovern,
board co-chairs

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson

Rep. James P. McGovern

The Congressional Hunger Center Vision and Programs

Fighting Hunger By Developing Leaders

For over 13 years, the Congressional Hunger Center has fought to make domestic and international hunger a priority for leaders in the U.S. government, and to train a new generation of leaders to fight hunger. Its success in educating leaders to fight hunger comes in part from its connection to the former House Select Committee on Hunger. Founded in 1983 by Congressmen Benjamin Gilman, Mickey Leland, and Tony Hall, the Select Committee on Hunger was known for its efforts to find real solutions to national and international hunger and poverty.

Congressman Mickey Leland (D-TX) chaired the Select Committee until he lost his life during a humanitarian mission to Ethiopia in 1989. Congressman Tony Hall (D-OH) succeeded Leland as chairman of the Select Committee on Hunger until the House of Representatives unexpectedly voted to eliminate all its Select Committees in 1993. Hall responded by embarking on a 22-day fast, an act that helped to bring Republicans and Democrats together to create the Congressional Hunger Center. In 1994, former Congressman Bill Emerson (R-MO) joined Tony Hall as the first co-chair of our bi-partisan center. Today, CHC is co-chaired by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) and Rep. James P. McGovern (D-MA).

Facilitating Collaborative Efforts Between Grassroots Programs and National and International Policy

CHC's programs and advocacy initiatives emphasize the link between grassroots, field-based solutions to hunger and effective policy work. Since our founding in 1983, CHC has organized and hosted numerous workshops, national and international hunger forums, and briefings for

Members of Congress and policymakers. CHC's many friends and partners include Members of Congress, Congressional staff who focus on hunger and poverty, and hundreds of anti-hunger organizations throughout the U.S. and overseas.

[Insert photo. File Name: Ethiopian Award SEED. Caption: Tesfaye Beneye, father of Leland fellow Yodit Beyene (center) present Margaret Zeigler, Deputy Director of CHC and Yohannes Gurey, Director of Finance of CHC with the Mickey Leland Leadership Award in May 2006 given by SEED (Society of Ethiopians Established in Diaspora).

Training Leaders About the Causes of and Solutions to Hunger

CHC also serves as a unique training center where over 500 young men and women have gained the skills, knowledge and experience needed to become effective anti-hunger leaders. Our leadership training programs include the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program. In 2006, we are proud to celebrate over 13 years of "Fighting Hunger by Developing Leaders."

Each year 20 young leaders are chosen from a large pool of applicants to participate in the *Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program*. Emerson fellows are placed for six months throughout the United States with urban and rural community-based organizations, such as food banks, community kitchens, and local advocacy agencies. They then move to Washington, D.C. to complete the year-long program with six months of work at national policy organizations, including think tanks, federal agencies, and national advocacy institutes. Emerson fellows also receive over 40 days of intensive training throughout the year, and national anti-hunger leaders serve as mentors and employers, both during and after the fellowship.

CHC's *Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program* provides exceptional individuals with service opportunities at the United Nations agencies, U.S. government agencies, and with

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(From Left) Margaret Zeigler, Deputy Director of CHC, Tesfaye Beneye, father of third class Leland fellow, Yodit Beyene, and Mohamed Gurey, Director of Finance of CHC receive the SEED (Society of Ethiopians Established in Diaspora) Mickey Leland Leadership Award in May 2006.

Fighting Hunger at Home

National Policy Report

Congressional Hunger Center focused its 2006 domestic policy work on preparing for new Farm Bill legislation. The Center continues to work with the Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC), America's Second Harvest (A2H), Environmental Defense, Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, and Northeast Midwest Institute on a \$5-million public policy grant from the WK Kellogg Foundation to promote progressive farm and food policies. CHC serves as a link

between community-based food security, conservation, farm, and environment groups and national anti-hunger organizations including the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), A2H, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

In a related activity, CHC helped develop the National Anti-Hunger Organizations'

(NAHO) policy statement on the Nutrition Title of the 2007 Farm Bill. This statement urged Congress to raise the amount of money that families and individuals receive through the Food Stamp Program. It also recommended an expansion of eligibility guidelines to include certain nutritionally vulnerable households (legal immigrants and single unemployed adults without

children) currently excluded from the Food Stamp Program. Proposals included an increase to the assets/financial resources allowed families when determining eligibility for program benefits. Providing all Americans with sufficient financial resources combined with knowledge about good nutrition allows households to make informed choices about their diets—such as consuming whole grains, low-fat dairy products, and fruits and vegetables, as recommended by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

The NAHO statement influenced the Farm and Food Policy Project (FFPP) initiative, funded by the W.K Kellogg Foundation. FFPP brings together farm, rural, public health, anti-hunger, nutrition, conservation, renewable energy, and faith-based groups to support a 2007 Farm Bill that better serves the common good. The project has incorporated several of NAHO's Nutrition Title recommendations in a policy platform "seeking balance" in U.S. Farm and Food Policy. CHC worked with FFPP groups to promote discussion of public health issues in Farm Bill forums. The Center participated in panel and think tank discussions on the role of food supply on public health, as promoted by Farm Bill policy decisions. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Centers for Disease Control, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the Johnson Foundation supported and funded participation in these forums.

CHC also works to influence policy that directly affects the Emerson/Leland Hunger fellowships. The 2002 Farm Bill established the

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Ken Hecht (left), Executive Director of California Food Policy Advocates, receives Victory Against Hunger Award from CHC Executive Director, Ed Cooney.

The Congressional Hunger Center Vision and Programs

non-governmental and private sector organizations. The duration of the fellowship is two years, with a field placement in a developing country for the first year, followed by a second year in a policy environment in either Washington, D.C. or Rome, Italy at the United Nations food agency headquarters. The field placement allows each fellow to take part in grassroots efforts to support a variety of anti-hunger efforts, from agriculture, to nutrition, to school feeding projects and includes emergency food aid operations. The subsequent

policy placement allows fellows to use their field experience to influence policies and programs that end global hunger.

Emerson and Leland fellows continue to dedicate their time, talents and energy to end hunger in the United States and overseas. They are living memorials to the late U.S. Representatives Mickey Leland and Bill Emerson, two outstanding leaders who exemplified a bi-partisan spirit of cooperation in the fight against hunger and poverty.

Fighting Hunger Abroad

International Policy Report

March 2006 panel participants (left to right) Margaret Zeigler (CHC), Sean Callahan (CRS), Ina Schonberg (Save the Children), Marc Cohen (IFPRI), and Mark Viso (World Vision) answer questions from Congressional staff on U.S. food aid programs.



In 2006, CHC helped inform Congress about the importance of agriculture and rural investments for developing countries and advocated to increase food aid for countries confronting chronic poverty, natural disaster, and/or civil conflict. CHC Deputy Director Margaret Zeigler worked closely with the Alliance for Food Aid (AFA), the U.S. NGO Working Group on IFAD and Rural Poverty, and InterAction on programs that protect food-for-development programs, invest in agricultural and rural development, and guard against cuts in critical international humanitarian aid.

CHC organized a March policy briefing for staff from the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, congressional committees, and representatives from voluntary organizations and the private sector. Co-sponsored by CHC Board co-chairs Rep. Jo Ann Emerson and Rep. James P. McGovern, the briefing included presentations by Sean Callahan,

vice president of International Operations for Catholic Relief Services; Ina Schonberg, director of the Hunger and Malnutrition Unit of Save the Children; Marc Cohen, research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute; and Mark Viso, vice president of International Operations for World Vision, USA. The briefing focused on main advocacy points for the year:

- Congress should provide reliable, steady funding of no less than \$2 billion for emergency and development food aid programs through Public Law 480, Title II Program.
- Of these funds, no less than \$500 million should be “safeguarded” for multi-year development programs that target mother-child health, agricultural development, food for education, and programs targeting HIV/AIDS-affected communities (rather than being shifted to emergency operations).
- Food aid programs should maintain flexibility by using monetization (sale of commodities in targeted countries to generate additional cash resources for program operations) when appropriate.
- A funding mechanism should connect PEPFAR (President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) with Title II food aid programs to enhance

Fighting Hunger at Home

fellowships but did not specify CHC as administrator of program operations. Because CHC was not named the “authorized entity,” the FY 07 Agriculture Appropriation Bill declared the fellowships programs an “earmark.” CHC has requested that the House and Senate Agriculture Committee correct this situation in the new Farm Bill so that the FY 08 Agriculture Appropriation Bill will include full funding for the fellowships.

In other initiatives, CHC and the Association of Nutrition Services Agencies (ANSA) received a \$300,000 grant from the UPS Foundation to launch a public education campaign promoting “food as medicine” for people with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. CHC will work with FRAC to develop food stamp information tailored to this nutritionally vulnerable population; collaborate with A2H’s network to prepare a

brochure on services and available food assistance through local food banks; and team up with CFSC to promote the availability of locally grown foods for all Americans with life-threatening illnesses. Presentations on the Food as Medicine Campaign have been made at the annual meetings of A2H (July 2006, Los Angeles), CFSC (October 2006, Vancouver, British Columbia), the California Child and Adult Care Food Program Round Table Conference (October 2006, San Diego) and FRAC/A2H (February 2007, Washington, D.C.). The 2007 Victory Against Hunger (VAH) awards will provide \$1,000 to 20 groups nominated by a member of Congress for promoting and participating in food-as-medicine programs. In 2006, VAH recognized 25 schools and community groups who have instituted progressive “wellness policies” in their local schools.



the impact of both HIV/AIDS programs and food programs by linking anti-retroviral treatment, nutrition, and food consumption.

Assisting Allied Organizations

In 2006, CHC provided assistance to allied organizations in Bolivia and Argentina to address specific food security challenges. CHC Leland Fellow Damiana Astudillo identified an opportunity to assist PROINPA, a Bolivian agriculture and food security organization, with funding to test an innovative technological advancement that processes the country's staple crop, quinoa. The highly nutritious grain is scarcely consumed in the households of the producers themselves, resulting in a high prevalence of chronic malnutrition. Low consumption is due, in part, to the difficulty of processing the grains (particularly now that easier-to-prepare but less nutritious foods are available). In addition, the traditional, labor-intensive work leads to health problems including respiratory infections and joint, lower-back, and foot pain.

CHC provided funds to test quinoa processing in 12 communities surrounding the Uyuni Salt Flat in Bolivia using a machine developed by Rolando Copa, a local mechanic and quinoa producer. Traditional processing requires six hours; Copa's invention reduces that time to eight minutes and eliminates related health problems. In all communities where CHC/PROINPA conducted testing, community members expressed hope that the machines would be made available soon. CHC

will continue to monitor testing and deployment of this innovative quinoa processing machine in the coming year.

CHC also provided assistance to Alimentos de Argentina, an innovative Argentine network of teachers, non-governmental organizations, farmers, nutritionists, volunteers, and corporate partners that formed during the economic collapse of Argentina in 2001/2002. Within a six-month period, millions of Argentines lost their savings when the peso was devalued, devastating the middle class and throwing millions into poverty. From May 2001 to October 2002, the Argentine poverty rate increased from 36 percent to 58 percent of the population (source: *BBC News*, October 16, 2002).

In an attempt to mitigate the impact of malnutrition for children, Alimentos de Argentina provides nutritious, fortified food in over 2000 schools. In addition, the organization donates hundreds of thousands of schoolbooks, operates education campaigns for health and community development, and advocates for legislative programs.

CHC assisted with an educational trip to Washington, D.C., for Dr. Jorge Castex, director of Alimentos de Argentina. The Center set up meetings with a broad range of operational field organizations, U.S. government agencies, and foundations. Groups hosting Dr. Castex included International Relief and Development (IRD), the United Nations World Food Program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Project Concern International, the School Nutrition Association and Global Child Nutrition Forum, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), Counterpart International, Christian Children's Fund, North American Miller's Association, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and the InterAmerican Foundation. As a direct result of the trip, Dr. Castex has formed collaborative ties with a number of organizations and has established a network of anti-hunger partners in the United States. For more information on Alimentos de Argentina, see www.alimentosdeargentina.org.



Top: School children enjoy a hot meal donated through Alimentos de Argentina in Dock Sur, an industrial zone outside Buenos Aires.

Right: Volunteers prepare donated food through Alimentos de Argentina in a school in Dock Sur, an industrial zone outside Buenos Aires.

Bottom: Damiana Astudillo (upper left) tests the processing machine with local quinoa producers in a Bolivian Altiplano village. Processed grains pour into a bag, while the poisonous saponin coating falls to the ground.

From left to right: Margaret Zeigler (CHC), Jorge Castex (Alimentos de Argentina), and Cheryl Jackson (U.S. Department of Agriculture) meet in Washington, D.C.

CHC Partner Sites 1994–2006

- 2006–2007 Bill Emerson Fellows' Field Sites
- 2005–2006 Bill Emerson Fellows' Policy Sites
- 2005–2007 Mickey Leland Fellows' Field Sites
- 2005–2007 Mickey Leland Fellows' Policy Sites

Emerson National Field Partners

Alabama

Alabama Coalition Against
Hunger, Auburn

Alaska

Food Bank of Alaska, Anchorage

Arizona

Association of Arizona Food
Banks, Phoenix
Community Food Bank, Tucson
Tohono O'odham Community
Action, Sells
Westside Food Bank, Phoenix

California

Alameda County Community
Food Bank, Oakland
Alameda County Social Services
Agency, Oakland
California Association of Food
Banks, Sacramento*
California Emergency Food Link,
Sacramento
California Food Policy Advocates,
Los Angeles
Community Action Commission,
Santa Barbara
Foodlink of Tulare County, Visalia
Fresno Community Food Bank,
Fresno
Fresno Metropolitan Ministry,
Fresno
Homeless Garden Project, Santa
Cruz
Interfaith Hunger Coalition, Los
Angeles
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank,
Los Angeles
Sacramento Hunger Commission,
Sacramento*
San Francisco Department of
Human Services, San Francisco
USDA Western Regional Office,
San Francisco

Colorado

USDA Mountain Plains Regional
Office, Denver

Connecticut

End Hunger CTI, Hartford
The Hartford Food System,
Hartford

Delaware

Teaching Health for Life Ministries,
Wilmington

Florida

Alliance for Fair Food, Immokalee*
Farm Share, Florida City
Florida Association for Community
Action, Gainesville
Florida Impact, Tallahassee
Human Services Coalition, Miami

South Florida Interfaith
Committee for Worker Justice,
Miami

Georgia

Atlanta Community Food Bank,
Atlanta*

Hawaii

Full Plate, Inc., Kaneohe
Hawaii Food Bank, Honolulu
Kauai District Health Office,
Kauai*
Kauai Economic Opportunity,
Kauai*

Idaho

Idaho Community Action
Network, Boise

Illinois

Center for Economic Progress,
Chicago
Chicago Interfaith Committee on
Worker Issues, Chicago
Hyde Park-Kenwood Interfaith
Council, Chicago

Indiana

Haven House Services,
Jeffersonville

Kansas

Campaign to End Childhood
Hunger, Wichita

Kentucky

Community Farm Alliance,
Louisville
Kentucky River Foothills
Development Corp., Berea

Louisiana

Hope House of New Orleans, New
Orleans
National Policy and Advocacy
Council on Homelessness, New
Orleans
Second Harvest Food Bank of
Greater New Orleans, New
Orleans

Maine

Maine Coalition for Food Security,
Portland

Maryland

Project PLASE, Baltimore

Massachusetts

Boston Medical Center,
Department of Pediatrics, Boston
Boston Medical Center, Medical
Legal Partnership for Children,
Boston*

Food Bank of Western
Massachusetts, Hatfield
Massachusetts Law Reform
Institute, Boston
Worcester County Food Bank,
Worcester

Michigan

Hunger Action Coalition of
Michigan, Detroit
Second Harvest Gleaners
Food Bank, Grand Rapids

Minnesota

St. Paul Second Harvest Food
Bank, St. Paul

Missouri

The Campus Kitchens Project at
St. Louis University, St. Louis
Operation Food Search, Inc., St.
Louis

Montana

Missoula Food Bank, Inc.,
Missoula
Montana People's Action,
Missoula
Northern Cheyenne Food Bank,
Lame Deer

Nebraska

Appleseed Center for Law in the
Public Interest, Lincoln*

Nevada

Project M.A.N.A., Incline Village

New Mexico

Farm to Table, Santa Fe
The Food Depot, Santa Fe
Second Harvest Roadrunner Food
Bank, Albuquerque

New York

Community Hunger Outreach
Warehouse, Binghamton
FoodChange, New York
Godian Fellowship Church,
Jamaica
New Yorkers Against Hunger
Project at SENSES, Albany
Nutrition Consortium of New York
State, Albany

North Carolina

Food Bank of North Carolina,
Raleigh
Second Harvest Metrolina Food
Bank, Charlotte

North Dakota

Red River Valley Community
Action, Grand Forks

Ohio

Ohio Association of Second
Harvest Food Banks, Columbus
Operation Food Share, Dayton
Southeastern Ohio Regional Food
Center, Logan

Oklahoma

Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah

Oregon

Children First of Oregon, Portland
FOOD for Lane County, Eugene
Oregon Faith Roundtable,
Portland
Oregon Food Bank, Portland

Oregon Hunger
Relief Task Force,
Portland

Pennsylvania

Greater Pittsburgh Community
Food Bank, Pittsburgh
Just Harvest, Pittsburgh

Puerto Rico

La Fondita De Jesus, Santurce

South Carolina

Harvest Hope Food Bank,
Columbia

Texas

End Hunger Network, Houston
San Antonio Food Bank, San
Antonio
South Plains Food Bank, Lubbock

Vermont

Vermont Campaign to End
Childhood Hunger, Burlington
Vermont Foodbank, Inc., South
Barre

Virginia

Portsmouth Area Resources
Coalition, Portsmouth

Washington

Children's Alliance, Seattle
The Fremont Public Association,
Seattle
Washington Citizen's Action
Education and Research Fund,
Seattle
Washington Food Coalition,
Seattle

Washington, D.C.

Capital Area Food Bank
Community Harvest
D.C. Central Kitchen
D.C. Hunger Solutions
Food and Friends*

Wisconsin

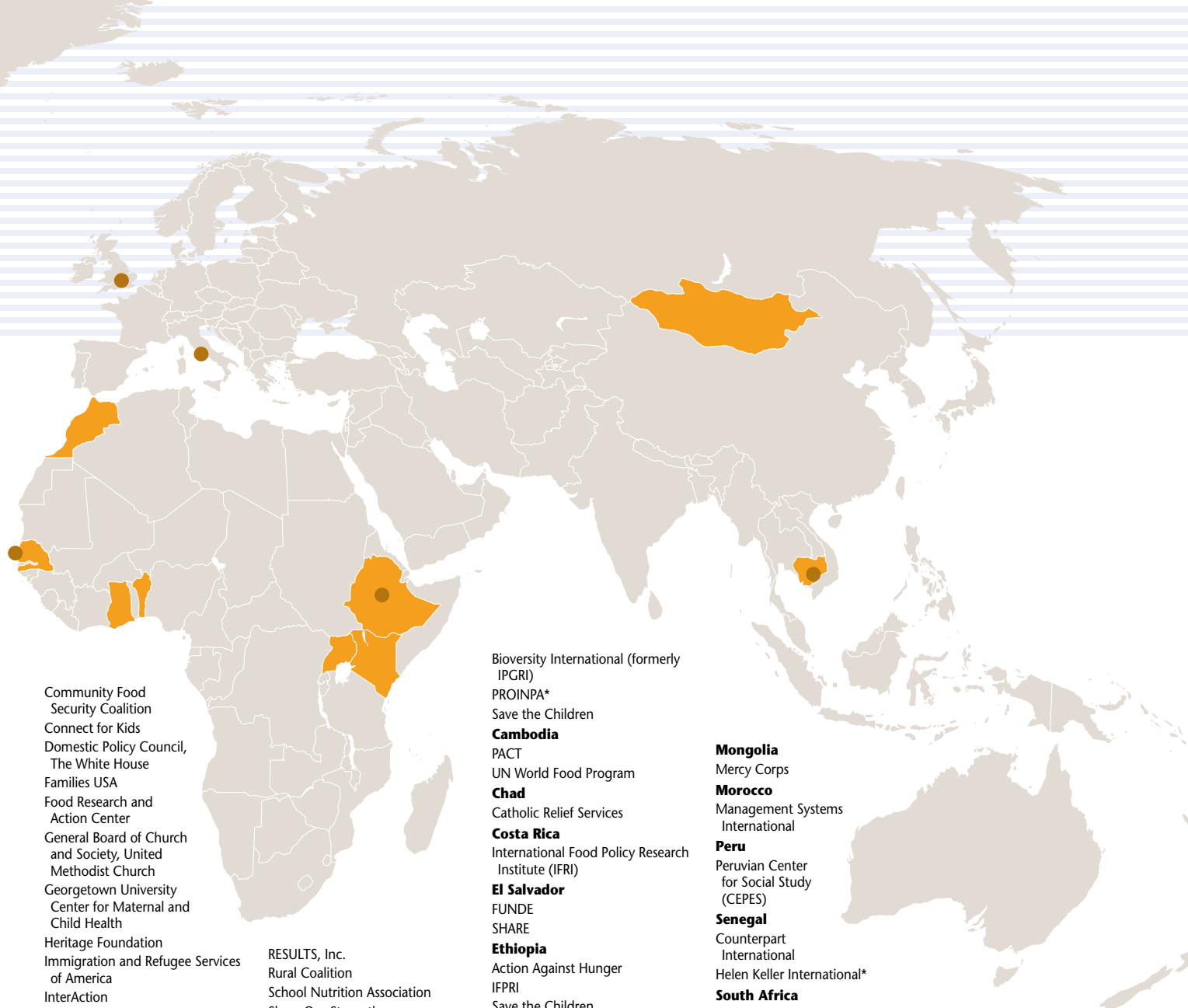
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Milwaukee
Hunger Task Force, Milwaukee

Emerson National Policy Partners

Washington, DC

Academy for Educational
Development
Alliance to End Hunger*

Association for Career and
Technical Education
Association of Nutrition Services
Agencies*
American Dietetic Association
American Public Human Services
Association
American Red Cross
America's Second Harvest
Bread for the World
Call to Renewal
Catholic Charities USA
Center for American Progress*
Center for Community Change
Center for Concern/Presbyterian
Hunger Program
Center for Women's Policy Studies
Center on Budget and Policy
Priorities
CFED
Christian Children's Fund
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Action Partnership



Community Food Security Coalition
Connect for Kids
Domestic Policy Council, The White House
Families USA
Food Research and Action Center
General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church
Georgetown University
Center for Maternal and Child Health
Heritage Foundation
Immigration and Refugee Services of America
InterAction
Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs
Lutheran Services in America
March of Dimes
Migrant Legal Action Program*
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Conference of State Legislatures
National Council of La Raza
National Head Start Association
National Immigration Law Center*
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National League of Cities
National Network for Youth
National Security Council, The White House
NETWORK
New America Foundation
Northeast-Midwest Institute
Office of U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln
Oxfam America
Partners for Livable Communities
Poverty and Race Research Action Council
Presbyterian Church USA

RESULTS, Inc.
Rural Coalition
School Nutrition Association
Share Our Strength
Sojourners*
The Urban Institute
U.S. Conference of Mayors
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office of Weed and Seed
Volunteers of America
Welfare Information Network
Welfare to Work
Workforce Alliance

Leland International Field Partners

Bangladesh

Land O' Lakes
UN World Food Program

Benin

Catholic Relief Services

Bolivia

Adventist Development and Relief Agency

Bioversity International (formerly IPGRI)
PROINPA*

Save the Children

Cambodia

PACT
UN World Food Program

Chad

Catholic Relief Services

Costa Rica

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFRI)

El Salvador

FUNDE
SHARE

Ethiopia

Action Against Hunger
IFPRI
Save the Children
UN World Food Program
USAID, Office of Food for Peace
USAID, Office of Health, Population and Nutrition

Ghana

UN Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFAO)*

Guatemala

Counterpart International

Honduras

Christian Children's Fund

Indonesia

International Land Coalition
Land O'Lakes

Kenya

AMREF*
Catholic Relief Services
International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications
PACT*

Malawi

CARE

Mexico

CIMMYT
The News

Mongolia

Mercy Corps

Morocco

Management Systems International

Peru

Peruvian Center for Social Study (CEPES)

Senegal

Counterpart International
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*New site in 2006

The Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program

For more than thirteen years, the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program has provided leadership development to talented individuals seeking to make a difference in the struggle to eliminate domestic hunger and poverty. The program includes substantial training, fellowship placements, and access to superb partner organizations. Through their year-long effort, Emerson fellows:

- Gain practical experience in the field and in policy analysis and administration.
- Graduate with training in service program development as well as an understanding of public policy as it relates to hunger and poverty issues.
- Develop as effective leaders in the anti-hunger movement by learning to bridge community grassroots efforts and national public policy.

The fellowship is divided into two, six-month assignments—field placements across the United States, followed by policy placements in Washington, DC.

Training and Leadership Development

In addition to developing leaders through direct field and policy work, the Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program provides comprehensive training throughout the fellowship



Current Emerson fellows are hard at work during August field training and orientation.

year. Opportunities include field training and orientation, a mid-program retreat, policy training, and professional development sessions.

Each form of training serves a specific purpose, from exposing fellows to new information about hunger to reinforcing their professional experiences by introducing them to experts in the anti-hunger field. Training topics vary and have included: federal feeding programs, root causes of hunger and poverty, community organizing, public policy, creative solutions to ending hunger, community building, political systems, the emergency food system, and skill development.

Spotlight on the Fellows: 2006 Field Work

At Food & Friends in Washington, DC, **Nikita Barai** completed a study identifying the benefits of providing nutrition services and support to individuals living with critical illnesses such as HIV/AIDS and cancer. Through a series of home visits and interviews, Nikita gathered information about the personal impact these clinical nutrition programs have on clients' physical health, mental health, food intake, and weight stabilization. Working at Food & Friends had a profound effect on Nikita: "I have seen first-hand that poverty can, in fact, take on an utterly crushing and sometimes hope-robbing form."

At Fremont Public Association (Seattle, Washington), **Jamillah Jordan** used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to design food maps illustrating the intricate relationship between race, poverty, and food access. Her maps are contributing to a pilot study, The Grocery Gap Project, that identifies the availability and differential pricing of healthy foods in a low-income community of color as compared to a more

13th Class Emerson fellows celebrate near the U.S. Capitol.



affluent community. Jamillah's food maps will be used by community leaders seeking to eliminate barriers of access to affordable, nutritious food. As Jamillah learned, "If our goal is to eliminate poverty, then we must eliminate racism and challenge perceptions of equality and privilege."

Toni Holness worked with Boston Medical Center's Medical-Legal Partnership for Children to help pioneer a nationwide movement to establish preventive law in the clinical setting as a means of improving child health. In addition to helping families access the Food Stamp Program, she co-led presentations to doctors, social workers, and attorneys emphasizing the importance of screening patients for food stamp eligibility and of treating food stamp access as a legal issue.

Toni's daily experience with her clients allowed her to witness the systematic barriers to food stamp participation that face America's most vulnerable children every day.

At Farm to Table, **Jimmy Purvis** focused on a two-pronged approach to address hunger in New Mexico: increase students' access to fresh local produce while simultaneously helping the rural agricultural economy. Jimmy worked on a comprehensive survey of farmers and institutional buyers that assessed the feasibility of farm-to-school programs, specifically in underserved rural communities. He also

completed an institutional directory that links farmers with food service directors. One of the driving questions Jimmy tackled during his field work was, "How do people go about creating a greater supply of nutritious and affordable food in a low-density, low-capital rural area?"

During her tenure with the California Association of Food Banks, **Takhani Kromah** developed an innovative online toolkit—complete with audio and visual testimonials—for community-based organizations seeking to expand their Summer Food Service programs. Takhani also

created *summerlunch.org*, a website featuring data she collected and compiled in collaboration with the California Department of Education, U.S. Department of Agriculture Western Region, and California Food Policy Advocates.

Spotlight on the Fellows: 2006 Policy Highlights

In her work for the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), fellow **Madina Agénor** conducted national surveys, in-depth interviews, and focus groups to study access barriers to the Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Madina also identified strategies for increasing program participation and outreach to hard-to-reach populations. Madina's findings will be shared with advocates, policymakers, and program directors in upcoming publications.

Joseph Lee created materials for the Migrant Legal Action Program (MLAP) targeted at reducing barriers for migrant education programs to participate in CACFP and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSF). *Increasing Access to Food and Nutrition for Migrant Children* received wide praise from State Migrant Education directors across the country and was highlighted in several migrant rights, nutrition, and education publications. While at MLAP, Joseph also researched accountability in migrant health centers, further linking migrant health and education, anti-hunger initiatives, and federal nutrition and public health programs.

Larisa Bowman updated two previously published FRAC reports related to the federal Food Stamp Program: the first analyzes access to food stamps in major U.S. urban areas while the second serves as an advocate's guide to the Disaster Food Stamp Program and includes lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina. Larisa also prepared a new report that evaluated the adequacy of food stamp allotments in terms of purchasing power and impact on household food security.

During her placement at the Association of Nutrition Services Agencies (ANSA), **Brigit**



Emerson Fellow Brigit Adamus (right) presents the findings of her study, *The Power of Nutrition*, during the 2006 annual conference of the Community Food Security Coalition in Vancouver, BC.

The Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program

Right: CHC Executive Director Ed Cooney (third from left) meets with current and former Emerson fellows at the Community Food Security Coalition's annual conference in Vancouver, BC.



Adamus researched the relationship between access to nutrition assistance programs and improved health outcomes for the critically ill. Brigit investigated and wrote *The Power of Nutrition*, a white paper detailing the potential cost savings of using nutrition services to postpone and prevent disease progression and decrease the financial burden on the U.S. health care system. Brigit presented her findings at the 2006 annual conferences of ANSA, America's Second Harvest, and the Community Food Security Coalition.

At the Center for American Progress, **Indivar Dutta-Gupta** worked on an anti-poverty

initiative aimed at providing bold, long-term proposals for eliminating poverty at the national level. Indivar helped publish a final report on the Center's new anti-poverty agenda that will be used for advocacy and policy work at all levels of government.

Focus on Alumni

After graduating from the Emerson program, fellows have gone on to make a difference in academia, government agencies, and other institutions and organizations. Meet two of our 250 outstanding program alums:

Fellows Assist with Gulf Coast Hurricane Relief

Southern Louisiana was forever changed when hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated all 23 parishes served by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana (SHFB). **J.P. Howard** and **David Coffman**, 13th class Emerson Hunger fellows, serve residents of the Gulf Coast through their placement

with SHFB as the organization continues to face an unprecedented challenge to regional food distribution.

Not only did the hurricanes create greater need but in their aftermath, fewer food agencies were left operational. Though greater New Orleans lost a third of its population in the aftermath of the disaster, SHFB distributed 40 million *more* pounds of food in the eighteen months after Katrina and Rita hit. According to J.P. and David, "The face of poverty has changed almost as drastically as the coastline of Louisiana." Families that had not traditionally required emergency food have been forced to rely on assistance to make ends meet.

Second Harvest Food Bank property hosts FEMA trailers following hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Senior citizens lack access to Meals on Wheels, children go without school breakfast, and families are unable to access food stamps as the skyrocketing immigrant population involved in rebuilding the city strains an already overburdened support system. The services and infrastructure of many emergency food providers were severely damaged by the storms, and while the hurricanes created greater community need, many providers are still off-line, unable to address that need.

"As Emerson Hunger fellows, we are working with SHFB to meet this need. In New Orleans, we are creating partnerships with governmental agencies, mapping and analyzing the current food distribution network, and recruiting new food bank member agencies. As the Saints [NFL players] are showing us, change is possible and miracles are happening every day," report J.P. and David.

Capstone Project: "Healthy Food Makes Me Grow Smart and Strong"

During the summer of 2006, the 12th class of the Emerson National Hunger Fellows organized a summer meals outreach campaign, "Healthy Food Makes Me Grow Smart and Strong." This unique Capstone Project focused on promoting active participation in the DC Free Summer Meals Program that provides funding for over 400 sites to supply no-cost, nutritious meals and snacks to city youth under the age of 18.

Working closely with the DC State Education Office, the fellows facilitated a print and radio outreach campaign featuring contest-winning drawings and poetry created by children at summer meal program sites. The campaign encouraged children to participate, raised general public awareness of the program and its role in ending childhood hunger, and garnered significant local press.



Winning Capstone entry, submitted by Janae (age 15) and Kinesha (age 15).

Members of the 12th Class of Emerson National Hunger Fellows

Brigit Adamus	Joseph Lee
Madina Agénor	Matthew Lewis
Kevin Anderson	Roshin Mathew
Larisa Bowman	Elizabeth McCarthy
Cecilia Cárdenas-Navia	Rebekah Miller
Dana Conroy	Brett Murphy
Indivar Dutta-Gupta	Miles Patrie
Lauren Forbes	David Pope
Natalie Halbach	Samuel Raskin
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Matthew King	Karen Wong

Members of the 13th Class of Emerson National Hunger Fellows

Nicole Alvarado	Takhani Kromah
Eric Ares	Megan Lent
Nikita Barai	Nicholas Maryns
David Coffman	Sindri McDonald
Anyu Fang	Amrit Mehra
Erin George	Katharine Mitchell
Kaitlin Gravitt	Avi Perry
Toni Holness	Jimmy Purvis
J.P. Howard	Sarah Sibley
Eliberty Jimenez	Shanique Streete
Jamillah Jordan	Srinidhi Vijaykumar
Amelia Kaye	Kathleen Wood



Shana McDavis-Conway,
Emerson Program
alumna, 10th class

Shana McDavis-Conway, D.C. Hunger Solutions

As an Emerson Fellow, Shana worked at the Hartford Food System in Hartford, CT, and at the Community Food Security Coalition and National Family Farm Coalition in Washington, DC. During her 2003-2004 fellowship, Shana laid the groundwork for a youth-oriented urban agriculture venture in Hartford, completed a media assessment for the Community Food Security Coalition, and coordinated the trade task force of the National Family Farm Coalition.

"I learned the necessity of simultaneously fighting poverty at both the national and local levels. At my field site, I witnessed first-hand that real social change—whether through government policies or community interventions—will only be effective if based on the needs and strengths of people directly impacted by poverty," she explains.

Today Shana works as a nutrition advocate at DC Hunger Solutions, a program of the Food Research & Action Center, where she focuses on federal nutrition programs including the Food Stamp, Summer Food Service, and School Lunch and Breakfast programs. She has also led initiatives on urban agriculture and food access.

In 2006, Shana was elected to the CHC's Board of Directors. In addition, she serves on the board of the STORY Project, a strategy training national network for young organizers, and the DC Fair Budget Coalition, a local legislative advocacy organization. She is an active member of the American Community Garden Association, the Community Food Security Coalition, and the DC Mayor's Commission on Food and Nutrition.

Shana McDavis-Conway was a member of the 10th class of the Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program.



Sam Raskin,
Emerson Program
alumnus, 12th class

Sam Raskin, Greenpeace USA

As a fellow in 2005-2006, Sam joined the Community Farm Alliance in Louisville, KY, where he worked with local farmers and facilitated a community food assessment in the low-income, African-American community of West Louisville. He also developed a business plan for a cooperative, farmer-owned local food distribution center in West Louisville that was designed to benefit both farmers and community members.

During his Washington, DC, policy placement with the Center for Community Change, Sam worked on the timely topic of immigrant rights and immigration reform by interviewing undocumented immigrant youth and creating a story bank of their challenges.

"Through my experiences in the fellowship, I learned that anyone can wield power and that institutionalized power dynamics can be changed. Sure, the rich people from privileged backgrounds have more access to power than low-income people, farmers, students, and others, but through organizing and testifying we can build power and make policies that are more equitable," he explains.

Sam continues his work with youth in his current position as student network coordinator with Greenpeace USA where he is developing a national network of student leaders who direct environmental campaigns on college campuses.

"As a student organizer I'm helping young people realize that a few students united around a well thought-out strategy can change the practices of huge academic institutions," he says. "I love this work. It's all about building something out of nothing and implementing our vision here and now."

Sam Raskin was a member of the 12th class of the Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program.

The Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program

Mickey Leland International Hunger fellows spend two years in a leadership development program. After one-year field placements with partner organizations in countries throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the fellows spend a second year assisting with policy formulation in the headquarters of their field placement organizations or in allied policy organizations. Field and policy placements are closely coordinated so that timely, innovative information from the field translates into appropriate policies to address root causes of hunger.

In 2006, the third class of Mickey Leland International Hunger fellows made the transition from field to policy placements. Having completed the first year and a half of their fellowships, participants continue to prove themselves critical assets to the organizations with which they are working. As of May 2007, the program will have graduated 41 leaders in the fight against global hunger.



Training and Leadership Development

In July, 2006, fellows returned from Africa, Asia, and Latin America for a retreat and training to prepare them for the upcoming policy year of the fellowship. Leland fellows spent three days at the Woods Resort in West Virginia reconnecting with one another, reflecting on their field experience, and continuing leadership training initiated the previous year. Fellows received individual feedback from past supervisors and co-workers in a Leadership Practices Inventory designed to help them measure competencies.

Following the retreat, fellows returned to Washington, DC, for additional policy training including briefings on agriculture, foreign aid funding and trade, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), population and refugee management, and food aid. Participants had an opportunity to discuss foreign aid reorganization and the Millennium Challenge Account with experts from the Millennium Challenge Corporation, USAID, Howard University, and the Center for Global Development.

In addition to briefings and a training session on media presentation, fellows gave formal presentations about their field work to policy supervisors, congressional staff, and federal government officials. CHC board co-chairs, Representative James P. McGovern and Representative Jo Ann Emerson, joined the fellows for a lunch on Capitol Hill.

After the training, fellows began new policy-oriented assignments aimed at applying lessons learned and knowledge gained during field work to programs and policies in their respective organizations.

Professional Development Days

The second year of the program brings many Leland fellows to Washington, DC, where they plan and participate in a series of Professional Development Days (PDDs) in addition to their policy work. PDDs offer fellows the opportunity to acquire valuable skills that will contribute to professional growth.



The current class of fellows have planned and executed two PDD sessions, including one on approaches to anti-hunger policy and advocacy. A second, multi-day session led by an evaluation specialist from Management Systems International focused on monitoring and evaluation. This PDD included an informal discussion with CARE International's coordinator of program design in monitoring and evaluation.

Spotlight on the Fellows

Across three continents, Leland International Hunger fellows participate in a broad range of food security activities. They investigate land rights for the rural poor, promote advocacy programs for vulnerable children, and develop food security and agricultural development programs for struggling populations. The profiles below highlight some of the fellows' work in the fight against hunger:



Dan Abbott, Save the Children

Following a year in Homa Bay, Kenya, with Heifer International and the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), Dan works in Save the Children's Washington, DC, office. There, he focuses on HIV/AIDS policy and advocacy and he assists the HIV/AIDS technical team.

Dan contributed to a report released in August at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto. After attending the conference, he met with Save the Children program implementers from around the world who came together to share lessons and plan future work as part of the HIV/AIDS Program Learning Group. At the meeting, Dan drew on knowledge and experience gained in Kenya to facilitate a session on orphans and vulnerable children.

Dan conducts research on the impact of donor policies on the implementation of Save the Children's projects assisting orphans and vulnerable children. He has met with key partners from NGOs, USAID, the Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator, and policy think tanks. His research in Ethiopia and Mozambique in February and March 2007 will be used to support advocacy efforts in improving donor policies. This is especially timely as the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) comes up for Congressional reauthorization in 2008.

Peter Giampaoli, International Land Coalition

Peter works for the International Land Coalition (ILC) Secretariat in Rome as a follow-up to his year with the Uganda Land Alliance (ULA) in Kampala, Uganda. While in Kampala, Peter conducted research, policy analysis, advocacy, and program administration work on the issue of land reform. He assisted in the development of ULA's five-year strategic plan and consulted on a draft National Land Policy.

In Rome, Peter focuses on land tenure policy and coordinates the formulation of a strategy to support ILC members and partners in their efforts to strengthen forest tenure rights of the rural poor. This includes a questionnaire sent to members in Asia and Africa to determine their

involvement in forest tenure issues. For a United Nations workshop on forest tenure in sub-Saharan Africa that took place in Nakuru, Kenya, Peter developed a presentation highlighting the obstacles to securing forest tenure for the rural poor from the perspective of ILC members in Africa.

Currently, Peter works with the program manager for land policy to develop and organize thematic sessions for the ILC Assembly of Members set to convene April 2007 in Kampala, Uganda. Sessions are designed to build opportunities for collaboration, to discuss land issues, and to address governance concerns of the Coalition. In addition, he is preparing an issues paper on a comprehensive assessment of member efforts to strengthen community forest tenure.

Damiana Astudillo, Bioversity International/PROINPA

Damiana works in Bolivia with PROINPA, partner of Bioversity International, an organization dedicated to researching and promoting the incorporation of Andean crops into the diets of local communities. For her field work, Damiana researched and evaluated the nutritional status

of families who produced quinoa and the role that quinoa plays with respect to nutrition and diet. Quinoa, a highly nutritious Andean grain, is being displaced as a food choice by cheap imported pasta and rice. Using data collected from focus groups, in-depth key informant interviews, and household surveys, she hopes to identify the obstacles that limit the consumption of quinoa for those who produce it.

In community workshops, Damiana has explored alternative culinary uses for quinoa in an attempt to create dishes that appeal to young children. She has also developed educational materials and recipe books for distribution to these communities and worked closely with them to develop proposals to improve nutrition and food security as well as obtain smallholder technology to process quinoa.

Damiana presented her work and provided policy recommendations at the La Paz International Quinoa Exposition. She has been interviewed on radio in Bolivia about her project and the role of quinoa in improving nutrition. In addition, Damiana has published a booklet, “La contribucion de los productos andinos para una mejor nutrición y salud,” a Spanish-language guide for improving nutrition in local communities through the consumption of quinoa and other Andean products.

Focus on Alumni

With two years of training and first-hand experience behind them, Leland fellows leave the program prepared to work with organizations around the globe dedicated to alleviating hunger. Here’s what two of our graduates are doing today:

Jodi Fonseca, Save the Children

Jodi works as a technical advisor to Save the Children’s education and HIV/AIDS programs in Africa. She writes: “I constantly call upon the knowledge of livelihoods and food security that I developed while I was a Leland fellow with CARE.”

Currently, she collaborates with colleagues in Malawi on a pilot project for Junior Farmer Field



and Life Schools (JFFLS). “About 80% of Malawi’s population survives through subsistence farming, indicating the critical importance of agricultural knowledge and skills for the country’s young people,” explains Jodi.

Adults typically pass on this practical knowledge to their children, and students in the formal education system also study agriculture in school.

Many children, however, have lost adult caregivers to HIV/AIDS and may be living in child-headed households or with elderly grandparents who have little ability to pass on skills. The children often have lower enrollment rates in school due to lack of resources and other demands on their time. The JFFLS model addresses young people’s need to develop agricultural and economic skills, but it also promotes the critical life skills of decision-making and self esteem.

“As a Leland fellow, I gained experience in proposal development, qualitative research design and implementation, training, and policy analysis and advocacy—as well as gaining an understanding of the U.S. legislative process and its effects on the international humanitarian and development sectors,” she says.

Jodi Fonseca was a member of the 2003-2005 Class of Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows.

Ashley Aakesson, Children’s Nutrition Program of Haiti

After receiving a Masters degree in applied anthropology in 2001 from the University of Maryland, College Park, Ashley joined the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows Program. During her fellowship, she worked with Save the Children’s food security programs—first in remote southern Ethiopia and then in Washington, DC.

Since graduating from the Leland fellowship, Ashley has worked in Haiti, Ethiopia, Uganda, Bangladesh, and India designing programs that promote proven maternal and child nutrition and health practices through locally appropriate, community-based approaches. Her passion is working with parents, local leaders, and health workers to build communities where even the poorest children in a community can thrive and reach full potential.

Since July, 2006, Ashley has served as executive director of the Children’s Nutrition Program (CNP) of Haiti, based in Chattanooga, TN, and Leogane, Haiti. Ashley uses skills, knowledge, and experience gained during her Leland fellowship to lead the CNP as it develops community-based nutrition programs for children and caregivers in Haiti. This year, she was also elected to CHC’s Board of Directors, representing the Leland alumni community.

Ashley Aakesson was a member of the 2001-2003 Class of Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows.



Members of the 3rd Class of Leland International Hunger Fellows

Daniel Abbott	Michaela Hackner
Damiana Astudillo	Nathaniel Heller
Yodit Beyene	Gloria Kessler
Brian Bogart	Michael Manske
Sylvie Doutriaux	Andrew Miller
Dalia Emara	Amanda Rives Argeñal
Todd Flower	Akilou Seibou
Lilia Gerberg	Bapu Vaitla
Peter Giampaoli	

Letter from the Treasurer



Manly Molpus

During 2006, the Congressional Hunger Center (CHC) continued its excellent stewardship of the resources and grants provided to the organization. For the sixth year in a row, CHC has received an unqualified audit and continues to maintain a low administrative overhead rate of eight percent.

As a founding member of CHC's board of directors, I will be ending my service as the board treasurer in 2007, but will continue to serve CHC in the area of board development. We have an outstanding group of new board members who will support the efforts of CHC as we move into 2007 and beyond. On behalf of the CHC board of directors, I want to congratulate the organization on another successful year as together we continue our mission of *"fighting hunger by developing leaders."*



C. Manly Molpus, President
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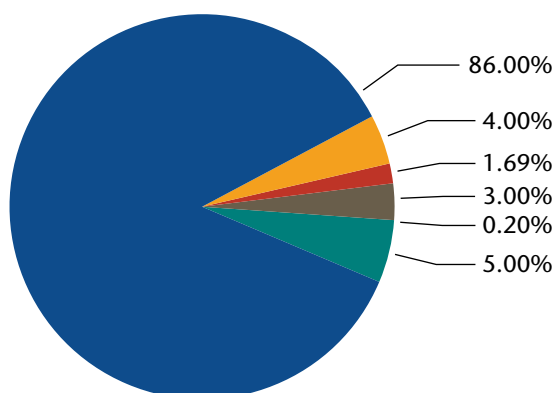
Reviewing and Refining our Mission

In 2006, CHC was invited by Altria Corporate Services to apply for a technical assistance and capacity-building grant. In March, 2007, CHC was awarded the grant, and will conduct a 10-month organizational strategic planning process during 2007 and early 2008. Working with our staff, CHC's board of directors, former and current fellows and allied stakeholders, we will assess our accomplishments, strengths, challenges, and will develop a renewed vision and priorities for the future. Together, we anticipate an exciting time of change for CHC as we approach our 15th year of *"fighting hunger by developing leaders."*

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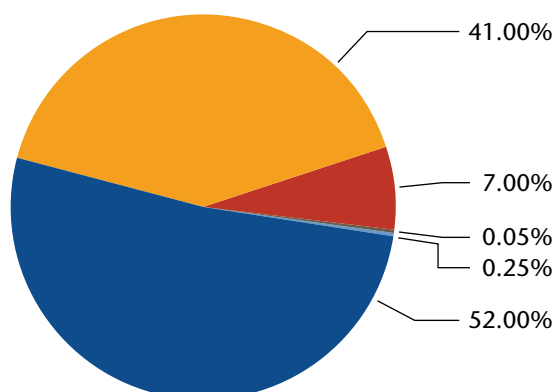
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Grant	\$ 2,280,880
Interest from Investment	\$ 94,052
Foundation	\$ 44,305
Corporation	\$ 71,082
Individual	\$ 5,270
Site matches	\$ 132,000



2006 Application of Funds

Emerson National Hunger Fellows	\$ 1,327,187
Leland International Hunger Fellows	\$ 1,050,897
General and Administration	\$ 191,526
Fundraising	\$ 1,176
Lobbying	\$ 6,512



Statements of Financial Position

September 30, 2006 and 2005

ASSETS	2006	2005
Cash—unrestricted	\$ 47,528	\$ 89,258
Cash—temporarily restricted	6,114,264	5,770,393
Accounts receivable	66,526	22,155
Prepaid expenses	19,429	29,394
Property and equipment	50,266	56,485
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,298,013</u>	<u>\$ 5,967,685</u>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 27,781	\$ 44,576
Deferred revenue	2,792,923	2,346,519
Obligation under capital leases	828	7,885
Total current liabilities	<u>2,821,532</u>	<u>2,398,980</u>

Long term liabilities		
Deferred revenue	3,170,557	3,312,244
Obligation under capital leases	0	828
Total long term liabilities	<u>3,170,557</u>	<u>3,312,244</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,992,089</u>	<u>5,712,052</u>

Net Assets		
Unrestricted	170,695	129,252
Temporarily restricted	135,229	126,381
Total net assets	<u>305,924</u>	<u>255,633</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 6,298,013</u>	<u>\$ 5,967,685</u>

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