Honoring National and International Hunger Leaders at CHC’s 6th Annual Congressional Awards Ceremony!

On Thursday, June 7, CHC held our 6th Annual Congressional Awards Ceremony at the beautiful U.S. Botanic Garden on the National Mall. Over 300 attendees from the domestic and international anti-hunger community, from the Obama administration, Congress, and from corporations and foundations joined us that evening to recognize extraordinary leadership by Members of Congress in the fight against domestic and international hunger.

At the awards ceremony, we paid tribute to Senators Dick Durbin and Roy Blunt, leaders known for bi-partisan approaches to hunger and agriculture issues. Senators Durbin and Blunt were chosen to receive Bill Emerson & Mickey Leland Hunger Leadership Awards for their work supporting domestic and international food security programs during a challenging budget environment.

At the celebration we also recognized our outstanding alumni leaders by presenting a former national and international fellow with the CHC Alumni Leadership Awards. This year, Lindsey Baker and Carmen Jaquez received the CHC Alumni Leadership Awards in recognition of their ongoing work to promote food security around the world and in the United States.

We especially extend a grateful thank you to our Awards Ceremony Underwriters, Walmart and Monsanto, for major support of this event. They and our other sponsors are vital partners with CHC in our work to “train and inspire leaders who work to end hunger, and to advocate public policies that create a food secure world.”

Congratulations to our Congressional and Fellowship Alumni Honorees!


From left to right: CHC Executive Director Ed Cooney and CHC Leadership Award Honoree Senator Dick Durbin

From left to right: Ambassador Tony Hall and CHC Alumni Honoree Lindsey Baker

From left to right: Meaghan Murphy, accepting for CHC Alumni Honoree Carmen Jaquez, and Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee
The 19th class of Bill Emerson Hunger Fellows came together to begin their work with CHC in August 2012 with a 10 day field training. They learned from researchers, advocates, and activists—many of whom have experienced poverty—about social justice, hunger, poverty, and racism in the United States. They are excited to begin their placements with community-based organizations involved in fighting hunger and poverty at the local level, including grassroots organizing groups, advocacy organizations, economic development agencies, food banks, and hospitals. We look forward to a successful field placement for fellows and their host communities!
The 6th Class (2011-2013) of Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows completed their field year in June and returned to Washington, DC for a week of training and preparation for their policy placements. The training began with a debrief of the fellows’ experiences working in Africa, Asia and Central America on a range of activities aimed at boosting food security including integrating agriculture and nutrition, small-scale farmer adaptation to climate change, response to food crises, and increasing women’s participation in local agribusiness. The fellows were then introduced to the information and skills they will need to apply the knowledge and experience gained during their field placements to the bigger picture work of policy change. We look forward to a successful policy year for fellows and host organizations alike!

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Tres Bailey, Director of Federal Government Relations for Walmart, welcomes attendees to the CHC Awards Ceremony.

Michael Dykes, Vice President of Government Affairs for Monsanto, addresses Award Ceremony guests.

Emerson Fellow Christina Martinez and Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Service at the US Department of Agriculture.

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