Congressional Hunger Center

FY17 Annual Report

October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

Hunger Fighters Need More.

Organizations fighting hunger need more – whether it's financial resources, staff, training, diverse perspectives or new ideas. Congressional Hunger Center's competitive fellowship programs and network of allies provide that "more." We train and engage leaders, especially leaders of color and those who have experienced hunger and poverty, to design, implement and evaluate solutions to hunger.

Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program

In FY 2017, CHC recruited 31 fellows to participate in the 23rd and 24th classes of Emerson National Hunger Fellows.

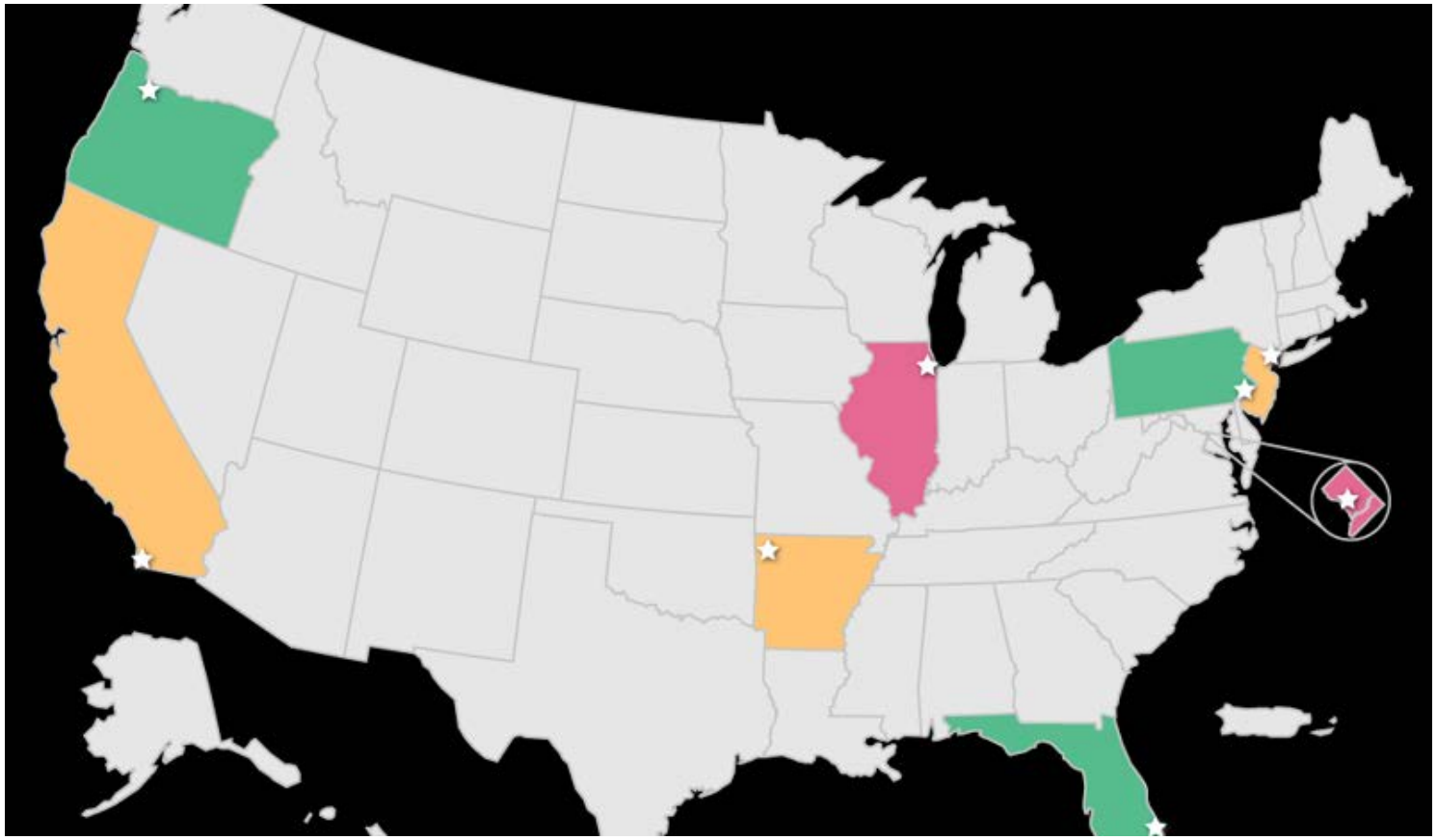
Fewer than 5 percent of fellowship applicants were selected for each class. CHC exceeded its goal of more than 50 percent of each class being people of color and people with lived experience in poverty.

Through their field work, fellows strengthened the capacity of 21 local and state-based organizations in 11 states and territories across the country.

Fellows' policy placements were conducted with 14 think tanks, national nonprofits, and federal agencies in Washington, D.C.

The 23rd Class of Emerson National Hunger Fellows gathered in Washington, D.C. in August 2016 for their onboarding and field training. Upon successfully completing the program in July 2017, more than 90 percent of the class pursued jobs or graduate programs in fields related to hunger and poverty. For example, several fellows are now working with local anti-hunger organizations such as D.C. Hunger Solutions, D.C. Greens, and D.C. Central Kitchen.

Alysha Alani	United Way of King County	Seattle, WA	New America
Ashley Burnside	Denver Urban Matters	Denver, CO	RESULTS Edu Fund
Anne Marie Buron	Illinois Hunger Coalition	Chicago, IL	USDA, FNS, C Nutrition Pro
Ray Chen	Los Angeles County Community Action Network	Los Angeles, CA	Presbyterian USA
Eduardo Hernandez	United Way of King County	Seattle, WA	U.S. Departm Health and H Services, Adm for Children a Families, Offi Family Assista
NaShawn Johnson	L.A. Kitchen	Los Angeles, CA	National Wor Center
Deondre' Jones	Market Umbrella*	New Orleans, LA	Food Researc Action Cente
David Lazere	Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties	San Jose, CA	Mazon: A Jew Response to
Michelle Loo	9to5 Colorado	Denver, CO	National Law Homelessnes Poverty
Kyle Machicado	Dreaming Out Loud	Washington, D.C.	Center for Co Change
Imani Marshall	Market Umbrella	New Orleans, LA	Food Researc Center
Margo Nitschke	La Casa Norte	Chicago, IL	Alliance to En
Sakeenah Shabazz	Jesuit Social Research Institute*	New Orleans, LA	National Cont State Legislat
Samantha Stevens	Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara & San Mateo Counties	San Jose, CA	Congressiona Center
Joanna Williams	Dreaming Out Loud	Washington, D.C	National Leag Cities



The 24th Class of Emerson National Hunger Fellows gathered in Washington, D.C. in August 2017 for their onboarding and field training before departing for their field work in 8 states and territories. For the first time ever, CHC fellows were placed in the state of Arkansas with the Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative.

Fellow	Field Partner	Field Location
Funke Aderonmu	DC Greens	Washington, DC
Alex Boyd	Philabundance	Philadelphia, PA
Meg Buckley	Treasure Coast Food Bank	Fort Pierce, FL
Jamila Cervantes	Oregon Food Bank	Portland, OR
Maria Chicuen	Illinois Hunger Coalition	Chicago, IL
Amirio Freeman	Martha's Table	Washington, DC
Sarah Goldman	Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law	Fayetteville, AR
Corey Malone-Smolla	Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law	Fayetteville, AR
Valery Martinez	San Diego Hunger Coalition	San Diego, CA
Erica McCoy	Oregon Food Bank	Portland, OR
Rosa Rada	San Diego Hunger Coalition	San Diego, CA
Paige Shortsleeves	Treasure Coast Food Bank	Fort Pierce, FL
Maggie You Ming Tsai	Reinvestment Fund	Philadelphia, PA
Bardia Vaseghi	Jersey City Dep't of Health & Human Services	Jersey City, NJ
De'Sean Weber	Jersey City Dep't of Health & Human Services	Jersey City, NJ

Top: 24th Class Emerson Fellow DeSean Weber greets a local grocery store owner participating in the Health Corner Store Initiative that he helped pilot in with the Jersey City Health Department in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Middle: 24th Class Emerson Fellow Amirio Freeman participates in the Grocery Walk organized by D.C. Greens to bring awareness to the distance that residents of DC's Ward 8 must travel to access one of two grocery stores in the ward. Amirio completed his field work with Martha's Table.

Bottom: 23rd Class Emerson Fellow Ray Chen delivers his Hunger-Free Community Presentation on the barriers that homeless residents in LA's Skid Row community encounter in achieving food insecurity. Ray completed his field work with LA Community Action Network.

Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program

In FY 2017, CHC recruited and supported 24 fellows participating in the 8th and 9th classes of the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program. The 8th class completed their two-year fellowship in August 2017.

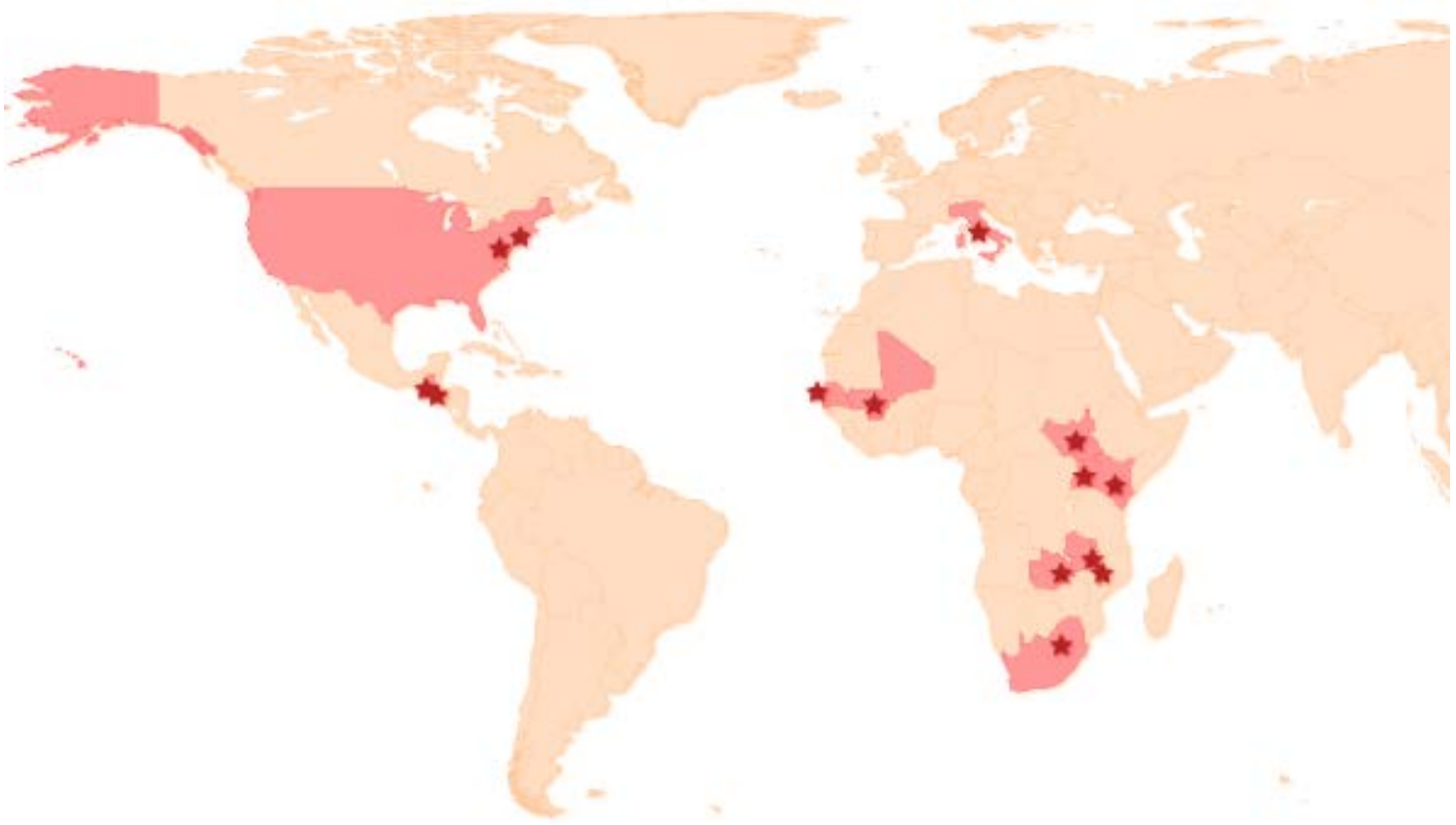
Through a new partnership with Action Against Hunger and USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, two 9th class Leland fellows are providing emergency nutrition assistance in famine-stricken South Sudan.

CHC also launched a strategic partnership with Modernizing Foreign Aid Network (MFAN) to provide training to fellows on effective principles of foreign aid and work to capture the insights of fellows in developing and sharing effective practices in development.

Through their field work, fellows strengthened the capacity of 17 food security projects with organizations in 15 countries. Fellows conducted their policy placements in the global or regional headquarters of partner organizations based in Washington, D.C., Dublin, Ireland, and Phnom Pehn, Cambodia.

Fellow	Partner(s)	Project Location
Jenny Lane	Land O'Lakes	Lilongwe, Malawi and DC
Michelle DeFreese	IAGRI and APLU	Morogoro, Tanzania and DC
Julia Shuck	Foundation for Ecological Security and IFPRI	Anand, India and DC
Harley Stokes	Catholic Relief Services	Timor-Leste and Baltimore, MD
Carlos Abuyuan	FHI 360	Mkushi, Zambia and DC
Michael Wilcox	ADCI/VOCA	Tamale, Ghana and DC
Meghan Anson	Concern Worldwide	Lilongwe, Malawi and Dublin, Ireland
Caitlin Shaw	Project Concern International	Zomba, Malawi and DC
Miti Patel	Helen Keller International	Khatmandu, Nepal and Phom Pehn, Cambodia
Hanneke Van Dyke	World Food Program	Slem Reap, Cambodia and Phnom Pehn, Cambodia

Eighth Class Leland Fellows (2016-2017) gather outside of the Congressional Hunger Center during a break from training. The 8th class completed their fellowship in August 2017. Fellows are now working with organizations such as USAID, Global Green Growth Institute, and Catholic Relief Services.



In September 2017, the **9th Class of Leland International Hunger Fellows** gathered in Washington, D.C, for onboarding and field training before departing for their yearlong field placement in 10 countries.

Fellow	Field Partner	Location
Amelia Foley	CARE	Lusaka, Zambia
Anthony Slaton	Adonai Partners	Kampala and Arut, Uganda
April Dodd	Emerging Ag	Rome, Italy
Aubrey Bauck	Helen Keller International	Dakar, Senegal
Brandon Hugueley	Project Concern International	Huehuetenang, Guatemala
Daniel Robinson	ACDI/VOCA	Iringa, Tanzania
Faye Duan	Oxfam America	Washington, D.C.
Grace Heymsfield Sarah King	Action Against Hunger	South Sudan
John Laborde	ACDI/VOCA	Tamale, Ghana
Kelly Kurz	Mercy Corps	Bamako, Mali
Rachel Gilbert	IFPRI	Lilongwe. Malawi
Tanner Roark	Project Concern International	Zomba, Malawi
Tina Pruna	Mercy Corps	Guatemala City, Guatemala

Left: Middle: Michelle DeFreese spent her fellowship working to develop programs in Tanzania to attract and train a new generation of engineers and agronomists.

Top: 8th Class Leland Fellow Jenny Lane spent her field placement in Tanzania with Land O' Lakes working to improve animal husbandry practices of local families in order to improve household livelihoods and assets.

Middle: Julia Shuck worked in India….

Far right: 8th Class Leland Fellow Harley Stokes worked with Catholic Relief Services in Timore' Lest to…

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Innovations in Learning

In 2017, CHC launched its 11 Leadership Capabilities in order to better define, hone, and measure the leadership effectiveness of its fellowship participants.

CHC piloted a new 360-degree assessment tool of fellows to inform its curriculum, serve as a coaching tool for fellows, and help us understand how fellows' leadership capabilities are enhanced throughout their fellowship year.

CHC launched the Alum Mentoring Initiative and Network to provide current fellows with access to ongoing coaching, technical assistance, and support services throughout their fellowship journey. More than 80 alums have participated in the program to date.

Bipartisan Convener

Access to accurate, credible, practical information on the root causes and types of hunger is critical for advocates and policymakers. For nearly 25 years, Congressional Hunger Center has served as a bipartisan convener and one-stop shop for ending hunger. We're drawing on those decades of experience to replicate established solutions and spread new ideas.

In April 2017, CHC Executive Director Shannon Maynard moderated a panel on Hunger in America at the Annual Food Policy Conference, which also appeared on C-Span featuring the leaders of peer organizations including Food Research and Action Center, Bread for the World, Meals on Wheels America, and Mazon.

CHC conducted more than XX Congressional visits and calls to educate policymakers on issues including food deserts and approaches to improving nutrition through the SNAP program.

With the coalition National Anti-Hunger Organizations, CHC contributed to the development of a widely distributed sign-on letter that received more than 1,000 organizational signatures encouraging President Trump's Administration and Congress to preserve and protect SNAP and the other federal nutrition programs.

2017 Hunger Leadership Awards

On June 13, 2017, the Congressional Hunger Center hosted the **11th Annual Hunger Leadership Awards** at the Madison Building of the Library of Congress. Partners from government, corporate sponsors, allied nonprofits, and fellowship alumni were on hand to toast the achievements of our honorees **Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA), Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Shana McDavis-Conway,** and **Emily Wei.**

Building Bridges

We can end hunger. To do so, we must address gaps in understanding and action. Congressional Hunger Center bridges the divide between concepts and action, local and global, policy and practice, communities and Congress.

FY17 By the Numbers

55 Fellows actively engaged – fewer than 5 percent of applicant pool selected annually through highly competitive process.

550 Alums – 70 percent of fellowship alums continue to address hunger and poverty throughout their professional lives.

Strengthened capacity of programs in X organizations in 11 states and 16 countries.

Alums and partner organizations agree on the value and benefits of CHC's fellowship programs.

"I was able to grow my career to focus on how to build strong public-private partnerships that promote and implement strong agricultural and food systems in the United States and abroad. The work I have been a part of, both during and after, shows how U.S. government and American businesses can come together to orient public funds and business models to provide jobs, nutritious foods, and sustainable production practices that feed the world."

Laura Ostenso, Leland Alum and Knowledge Management Specialist at Fintrac

"Leadership development is a cornerstone of the Fellowship, and one that is critical to the community that fights hunger. It is vital that our society have strong leaders who work with and on behalf of people who are hungry and at risk of hunger, championing their interests, ensure their voices are heard in the decision making process—whether that is on the ground at local food banks, or in the hallowed halls of Congress—and proposing the most promising, effective, sensible policies to address hunger."

Indivar Dutta-Gupta, Executive Director, Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality

"The Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship helped our organization get people to the table to discuss hunger in Mississippi. Being noted for its residents being highly charitable and yet having one of the largest obesity rates in America, we were still not talking about our neighbors being hungry. With our fellow's help, we began Hunger Free Jackson."

Kathy Clem, the Good Samaritan Center, Jackson, MS

CHC 2016-2017 Supporters

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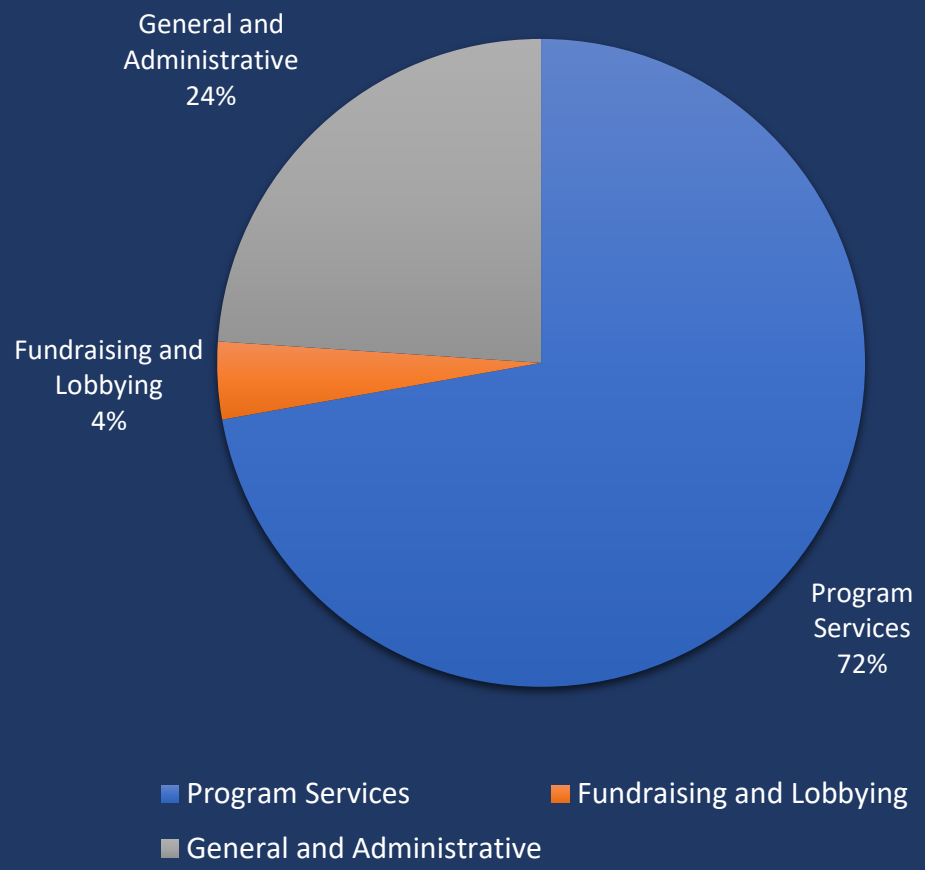
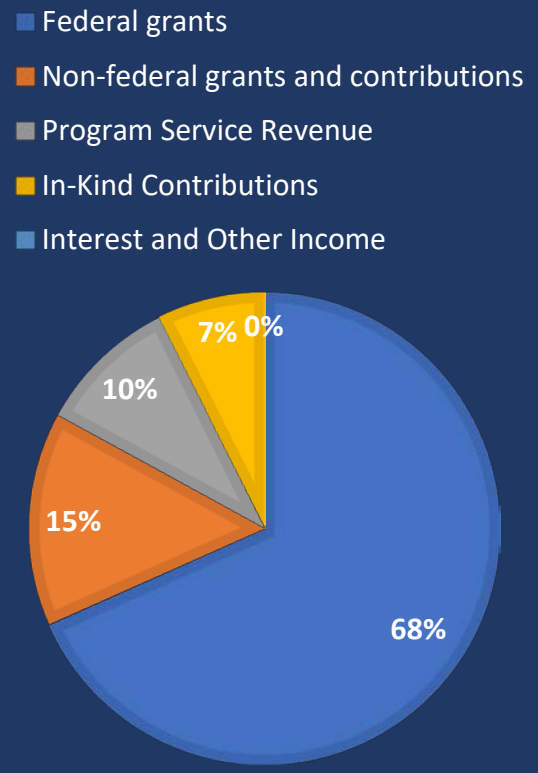
- SNAC International
- Sodexo Foundation
- Students Team Up To Fight Hunger
- Sugar Association, Inc
- The Kroger Company
- Tyson Foods, Inc.
- USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
- USDA
- Victory Wholesale Group
- Walmart
- Watson Green LLC
- World Cocoa Foundation
- World Food Program USA

FY17 Revenues and Expenses

EXPENSES: $2,586,182



REVENUES: $2,591,303



Join us to end hunger by 2030!

When any community experiences hunger, we all suffer. To that end, we call for leaders and organizations from all sectors to join us connect, partner, lead, learn or give so that all people have enough healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food.

For more information, visit www.hungercenter.org

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