

30 Years of Growing Leaders and Cultivating Change



2023 Hunger Leadership Awards



In The Fight to End Hunger, People Are Our Most Powerful Resource

Hunger does not just affect an individual. The negative impacts of hunger – from poor health, to reduced educational achievement, to behavioral and mental health problems – are costs that all of society bears. And because hunger affects everyone, we can all be part of the solution. The Congressional Hunger Center, founded in 1993 by a bipartisan group of Members of Congress, invests in people to become the change agents we need to end hunger.

CULTIVATING LEADERS

The Hunger Center’s fellowship programs match the drive for social change with the leadership development needed to solve the complex problem of hunger. The Hunger Center’s fellowship programs are unique in blending community work with policy-level experience. In so doing, fellows gain on-the-ground experience and expertise in policymaking and analysis – helping them to understand and inform how local problems can lead to better policy, and how good policy can solve local problems.

Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows spend six months working at a local anti-hunger organization in communities around the country, followed by five months working at a policy-focused agency or nonprofit in Washington, D.C.

Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows spend a year working for an international NGO in a local community in the Global South, followed by a year working at their host NGO’s international or regional headquarters.

SOWING OPPORTUNITY

The Zero Hunger Internship provides college students and recent graduates with a ten-week summer internship at an anti-hunger organization in Washington, D.C. Zero Hunger Interns also participate in learning sessions about food security and complete a collaborative research project with recommended policy solutions. Unlike most internships in Washington, D.C., the Zero Hunger In-

ternship is paid – providing an opportunity to young leaders who otherwise would not be able to afford to support themselves through the summer.

GROWING THE MOVEMENT TO END HUNGER

We cannot end hunger if we do not fully understand the problem. Our free online Zero Hunger Academy educates the public on the root causes of hunger and effective ways to become anti-hunger advocates in their community.



▲ Emerson National Hunger Fellows at orientation in Washington, D.C.

30 Years of Growing Leaders and Cultivating Change: The Hunger Center At 30

Over 30 years, we've selected and trained 45 cohorts of leaders who have supported the work of hundreds of organizations at the community, state, federal, and international level, allowing these partners to go beyond business as usual and get to heart of the problem. From supporting the state-by-state rollout of EBT, to bolstering the importance of advocacy at the community level, to applying a racial equity lens and a focus on root causes to their work, Hunger Fellows have so often worked at the forefront of change.

Through our leadership development programs, hundreds of bright young leaders have found their purpose, and how they can be most effective at ending hunger and poverty. Over the course of 2023, you'll read about some of our alums who have gone on to have a powerful impact, bringing the lessons and experience they gained as fellows to advocacy organizations, food banks, local and federal government agencies, NGOs, corporations, higher education, and more. And this summer, we'll convene our first cohort of Hunger Center Legacy Leaders, a mid-career extension program for our alums to refresh and expand on their leadership skills.

From the beginning, we've recognized that hunger is too great a problem to be solved by one organization, one sector, or one political party working alone. We've been guided by our bipartisan Congressional heritage, exemplified by the strong bonds of collaboration and friendship of our leading lights, Rep. Mickey Leland and Rep. Bill Emerson. At this year's Hunger Leadership Awards (returning June 21, 2023), we will recognize anti-hunger champions in Congress, the private sector, community-led organizations, and others, including an inaugural award for young alums.

The kernel of all our work has been building the public and political will to end hunger once and for all. Last month, more than 500 people took our online learning challenge for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, gaining essential knowledge about hunger in the U.S. and how they can advocate for a hunger-free future for

their communities. This year, we're also launching a series of on-line briefings, showcasing the expertise and experiences of our alums to a wider audience.

Whoever you are, and however you choose to get involved in the movement to end hunger, we need you in this moment. Today's interns and fellows are tomorrow's executive leaders. By growing leaders and cultivating change, we will arrive at a food secure future for all. Won't you join us?



"I was a Hunger Fellow and it changed my life. I would not be where I am without this experience."

—Christine Tran, Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow ('09); Executive Director, Los Angeles Food Policy Council

30th Anniversary Hunger Leadership Awards

The annual Hunger Leadership Awards bring together representatives from government, philanthropy, the private sector, and the wider anti-hunger community to recognize distinguished leaders who have made significant contributions in the fight to end hunger. Hunger Leadership Award recipients embody the determination needed to make hunger and poverty a policy priority both at home and abroad.

The Hunger Leadership Awards is the Hunger Center's primary fundraiser for our fellowships and programs. This annual gathering is a high-profile event with more than 200 attendees.

Past Hunger Leadership Award recipients include:

- Chef José Andrés
- Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.
- Steph & Ayesha Curry and the Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation
- Senator Chris Coons
- Representative Rosa DeLauro
- The Kroger Co. Foundation
- Representative Gregory Meeks
- Mary Jane Melendez and the General Mills Foundation
- Representative Michael McCaul
- Joan McGlockton and the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation
- Representative Chris Smith
- Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack
- Senator Roy Blunt
- Secretary Marcia L. Fudge
- Senator John Boozman
- D.C. Greens

[Review our list of all past award recipients.](#)

- ▲ Chef José Andrés delivers acceptance remarks at the 2016 Hunger Leadership Awards at the U.S. Botanic Gardens.

In 2023, the Congressional Hunger Center plans to honor:

- Members of Congress who have come together to advance bipartisan legislation on ending hunger;
- A trailblazer who has used their influence and celebrity to improve the lives of those experiencing hunger;
- A corporate leader who has committed financial resources to address hunger and food insecurity;
- A community organization working to end hunger at the local level; and
- An outstanding Congressional Hunger Center Fellowship Alum who has demonstrated leadership in their field.



30th Anniversary Hunger Leadership Awards Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

	HARVESTER One available	CULTIVATOR Two Available	SOWER Unlimited	PLANTER Unlimited	GARDENER Unlimited	FRIEND Unlimited
LEAD SPONSOR Top line placement on all event recognition; logo placement on step-and-repeat	<i>Top Line Recognition</i>					
MAJOR SPONSOR Second line placement on all event recognition		<i>Second Line Recognition</i>				
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Recognition during Executive Director's speaking remarks	✓	✓	✓			
Opportunity to place products in guest swag bag	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Opportunity to submit congratulatory video for award recipients	✓	✓	✓	✓		
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Listed on the online sponsor recognition page						✓
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Recognition during satellite events and annual report (year-round)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Deadline to Confirm Sponsorship: May 15

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- Rep. Michael McCaul (left) with U.N. World Food Programme Executive Director David Beasley at the 2022 Hunger Leadership Awards

