

Everyone deserves good food.



The 2025 Hunger
Leadership Awards

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It is a simple statement of belief that we all share. Whether you work on a farm, a factory, or the board room of a food company, whether you're a social worker, an advocate, a public servant, or one of our fellows or interns, this statement guides us all.

Who is everyone? Republicans deserve good food and Democrats deserve good food. City folk deserve good food and country folk deserve good food. Our children deserve good food and our elders deserve good food. People from the richest countries deserve good food and people from the poorest countries deserve good food. People who are safe at home deserve good food, people whose countries are mired in conflict deserve food, and people whose lives and livelihoods are upended by natural disasters and climate shocks deserve good food.

Who is deserving? More than 1 in 10 U.S. residents are food insecure. All of us—not just 9 out of 10—deserve to have good food. All of us deserve access to programs like SNAP, WIC, and school meals when we need them. Around the world, 1 in 10 people are malnourished, and 1 in 3 are food insecure. All these people—all of us—deserve good food.

Not having enough food is not a character defect. It is a condition that all too many people face, all too often, as they navigate the constraints of limited budgets, lack of quality jobs, and rising costs of housing, childcare, health care, education, and transportation.

What is good food? Good food is affordable. Good food is nutritious. Good food is culturally appropriate. Good food is accessible. Good food comes fresh, frozen, dried, canned, and ready-to-eat. Good food includes a dazzling array of ingredients, diets, cuisines, styles, and seasonings as diverse as the people it nourishes.

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This guiding belief will bring us together at the 2025 Hunger Leadership Awards. Join us as we honor Members of Congress; corporate, nonprofit, and community leaders; and alums of our trail-blazing leadership development programs who, through their actions and achievements, embody the belief that everyone deserves good food.

Our leaders at work

Top to bottom, left to right:

30th Class Emerson Fellow **Adin Burwell's** placement with Chicago Food Policy Action Council focused on connecting urban farmers to vacant land for agricultural uses on the south and west side of the city.

12th Class Leland Fellow **Peter Bowman's** (right) placement with Venture37 focused on digital tools and improved feed grasses to bolster dairy production in southern Kenya.

The 2024 Gen Z Food & Hunger Summit brought together more than 50 campus leaders from 25 states for advocacy training and meetings with Members of Congress to discuss the state of food insecurity on college campuses.

2024 Zero Hunger Intern **Kayle Lauck** expanded Food-recovery.org's operations in the Midwest by identifying 20 grant prospects for the organization and helped to draft nine grant applications for more than \$600,000 in new funding.

12th Class Leland Fellows **Kaila Balch** and **Theresa Fang** used their professional development funds to attend the 2024 Africa Food Systems Forum in Kigali, Rwanda.





The Congressional Hunger Center was founded in 1993 by bipartisan Members of Congress who believed that effective leadership was essential in the fight against hunger. We develop, inspire, and connect leaders in the movement to end hunger through our leadership development programs, and advocate for public policies that will create a food-secure world. For more than three decades we have invested in emerging leaders as the change agents we need to end hunger, with our alums going on to senior positions in government, nonprofits, and the corporate sector.

Our oldest programs, the **Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship** and **Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship**, are named in honor of the Hunger Center's co-founder, Rep. Bill Emerson (R-Missouri), and Rep. Mickey Leland (D-Texas), chairs of the U.S. House Select Committee on Hunger and dedicated public servants who devoted their careers to ending hunger in the U.S. and globally.

Our fellowship programs are unique in combining community-based work and national or international policy experience, so that fellows gain an understanding of the strengths and shortcomings of each approach, and how they can better work together to address food insecurity. The fellows gain professional experience and leadership development needed to solve the complex problem of hunger, while organizations who host them gain invaluable capacity, expertise, and fresh perspectives.

2024 Hunger Leadership Award recipients. From top: Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack; Senator John Boozman; Senator Debbie Stabenow; Leland Hunger Fellow Alum Bryan Pride

Our **Zero Hunger Internship** connects college students and recent graduates with ten-week summer internships at organizations in Washington, D.C., fighting hunger nationally and globally. Unlike most Washington-based internships, the Zero Hunger Internship is paid, giving young leaders who otherwise would not be able to afford to support themselves through the summer an opportunity for life-changing experience in anti-hunger and public policy work.

Zero Hunger Academy is our education and advocacy hub, open to anyone who wants to learn more about the root causes of hunger and effective ways to become anti-hunger advocates in their community. Zero Hunger Academy also offers engaging public and private online challenges and courses for individuals, nonprofit organizations, and corporations.

We believe that there can be no effective solution for hunger without the active participation and leadership of people who have firsthand lived experience of the problem. We actively recruit individuals with a lived experience of hunger and poverty for our fellowships and internships, and highlight the voices of those with lived experience through Zero Hunger Academy.

To date we have extended the capacity of more than 400 local, state, and national organizations, and now have more than 800 fellow and intern alums across the country and around the world, in addition to thousands of individuals trained through Zero Hunger Academy. None of this work would be possible without our strong partnerships with other organizations, government agencies, and corporations in the anti-hunger community.

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