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Celebrity Jeopardy: Power Players



CHC Board member, Al Franken with Jeopardy host, Alex Trebek.

On May 13, 2004, Al Franken, a founding member of the CHC Board of Directors, was a participant on *Celebrity Jeopardy!* Other panelists were Gretchen Carlson of the CBS "Early Show" and Keith Olbermann of MSNBC's "Countdown." Al beat Keith by \$1, donated his winnings of \$50,000 to CHC, and introduced our work to a nationwide audience. **Thank you Al!**

GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This has been a very active period for CHC staff. We convened a National Hunger Forum with The UPS Foundation; conducted an evaluation of the 10 year performance of the National Hunger Fellows Program; began planning a 10th year anniversary gala celebration of CHC and its Fellowship Programs, participants, and partners; and, participated in many national and international policy forums and events on hunger and poverty.



In December 2003, The UPS Foundation awarded CHC a \$150,000 grant to advise its President, **Evern Cooper**, and Board on strategies to end hunger in America in the near term. UPS is the third largest employer in the United

States and 7th largest in the world. The UPS Foundation made \$38.4 million in contributions worldwide in 2003.

CHC was asked to commission the publication of 11 white papers on the nature, origin and potential solutions to ending hunger. In March 2004, CHC and The UPS Foundation convened a **National Hunger Forum** to highlight the issues raised in these white papers and discuss action steps designed to address those issues.

Sixty-three participants met for a one-day forum at the Keck Center of the National Academies. These participants, representing a diversity of race, gender, geography and viewpoints, included:

- Advocates supporting the broadening of federal policy as a way to increase access to nutrition programs for low-income eligible but non-participating individuals and families
- Experts on the relationship between hunger, health and obesity
- Mayors, state legislators, administrators, and other elected officials
- Community food security leaders interested in improving the quality and accessibility of foods and food systems at the community level
- Corporate supporters and foundations
- Food bankers, gleaners, and community kitchen leaders
- Religious community leaders

Presentations were given by **Senator Elizabeth Dole; Dan Glickman**, Director of the Institute of Politics, JFK School of Government, Harvard University; and **Mayor Bill Purcell**, Co-Chair of the Mayor's Taskforce on Hunger and Homelessness. Representatives from the **White House** and the **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** also shared their views on initiatives designed to end hunger. Panels of advocates, the faith-



At the hunger forum, from left to right: Ed Cooney; Evern Cooper, President, The UPS Foundation, and Vice President, UPS Corporate Relations; Rep. McGovern; Betty Amend, UPS Public Affairs; and Rep. Emerson.

based/religious community and local and state government highlighted issues raised in the white papers. This included a presentation by a panel of experts on the relationship between hunger, health, and obesity.

CHC is currently reviewing the white papers, the transcript of the Forum presentations, and the evaluations from Forum participants. Our report to the board of The UPS Foundation will focus on the issues raised in these materials and action steps to address them.

The selection of white paper topics and authors, Forum participants, and our final report was greatly assisted by our advisory committee. Members included **Ellen Vollinger** of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), **Julie Paradis** of America's Second Harvest, **Sheri Steisel** of the National Conference of State Legislatures, **Liam Leduc Clarke** of APCO Worldwide, **Morna Miller** from the Office of Rep. Sandy Levin, **Keith Stern** from the office of Rep. James P. McGovern, and **Tony Eberhard** from the office of Rep. Jo Ann Emerson.

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sus•te•nance
Merriam-Webster

1 a : means of support, maintenance, or subsistence : LIVING
b : FOOD, PROVISIONS; also : NOURISHMENT

2 a : the act of sustaining : the state of being sustained
b : a supplying or being supplied with the necessities of life

3 : something that gives support, endurance, or strength

International Policy Report

By Margaret M. Zeigler, Deputy Director

CHC FOUNDER VISITS WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ambassador Tony P. Hall, founder of the Congressional Hunger Center, visited Washington, D.C. in May, 2004, to share his work on global hunger with Members of Congress and the wider anti-hunger community. Hall currently serves as the U.S. Ambassador to the three United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, based in Rome, Italy. Each of the three UN agencies has a special mandate, and Ambassador Hall ensures that the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World

Food Program (WFP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) receive U.S. support as they work to end hunger in the developing world.

Ambassador Hall visits countries experiencing food crises, such as Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Albania, where he witnesses firsthand the devastating impact of hunger on the poorest of the poor. His testimony to the House International Relations Committee on Tuesday, May 11, emphasized several key points, including:

- **The U.S. is the world's most generous food aid donor, and our food aid is not simply given in emergencies-our food aid, used creatively, helps with core**

development projects, such as irrigation, sustainable agriculture projects, demobilizing and disarming child soldiers, and is even used as part of an integrated program to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission.

- **The U.S. should contribute more food and cash to fully establish the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education Program, where the world's poorest children receive a nutritious meal in a school setting each day.**
- **The U.S. should lead efforts to end world hunger, which would pay a rich dividend for both current and future generations.**

During his last visit, Ambassador Hall received two awards recognizing his public and international service. The Friends of the UN World Food Program honored Ambassador

Hall with *The Leadership in the Fight Against Hunger Award*, presented by Senator Robert Dole and Ambassador George McGovern. The Center for Public Justice awarded Ambassador Hall the *Public Justice Annual Leadership Award*.



Elizabeth Brown, a Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellow, met Ambassador Tony Hall on his recent mission to Ethiopia.

50 YEARS OF FOOD FOR PEACE

"Food can be a powerful instrument for all the free world in building a durable peace."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

In the years following World War II, President Eisenhower established a comprehensive food aid program to assist war-torn countries in recovering from hunger. The food aid program, officially entitled Public Law 480, contains three primary titles that specify how various food commodities are to be used. Title II (Food for Peace) is used most specifically for emergency and longer-term development needs, and contains the bulk of the food resources for our overseas donations.

Since its establishment in 1954, the Food for Peace Program has provided both emergency and long-term food resources to prevent famine and to provide permanent solutions to poverty in the developing world. The program is administered primarily through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which donates the food and cash assistance to implementing agencies such as the

United Nations World Food Program, and through private voluntary organizations such as CARE, Catholic Relief Services, Africare, and World Vision.

The Food for Peace Program needs the constant support of advocates to ensure that it provides food aid in a sustainable and fair manner. Public Law 480 states that 75 percent of Title II food aid must be used for non-emergency development programs, which target the most vulnerable poor populations, usually in rural areas of the developing world. However, in recent years there has been a downward trend in the proportion of food aid used for such development programs, resulting in more food aid being used for emergency responses. While food aid advocates realize that emergencies require rapid mobilization of food aid, they also realize that Title II was never intended to be an emergency food aid reserve. Congress has already provided an emergency food aid reserve, called the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust, which should be tapped for major food emergencies.

CHC Deputy Director, Margaret Zeigler, works with other advocates in the food aid community to ensure that the 75 percent minimum of Title II food aid is targeted towards the most vulnerable populations and that the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust is used for unforeseen

food emergencies. She meets on a regular basis with Members of Congress and their staff to clarify these concerns and to urge their support for adequate food aid funds and for appropriate timeframes for such food aid projects.

Current budget deficits are placing pressure on U.S. food aid programs, and it is imperative that the system of food assistance not be reduced or restricted, particularly since the needs overseas are so great. Some 840 million people suffer from hunger each day in the developing world, and our food aid programs should be expanded. As it was in the aftermath of World War II, the Food For Peace program remains a powerful example of our generosity, compassion, and leadership, and helps lay a foundation for a world free from hunger.



Women in Bangladesh are employed in a factory where they mill flour donated by the U.S. They are trained to add nutrients in a fortification process, and the flour is then used in school feeding projects and as an incentive to help poor women start small businesses.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

National Alumni

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you... to all of the National Program Alumni for participating in the survey that was conducted in February and March as part of the Ten Year Evaluation of the National Hunger Fellows Program. Your feedback was vital to the success of the evaluation, and we are looking forward to reviewing the report when it is complete early this summer. We will be certain to make the report's findings available to Hunger Fellow Alumni and other interested parties.

**Best wishes...
Congratulations...
Moving on...to...**

Eric Silva (7th Class) as he leaves his post with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Senator Jim Jeffords, I-VT) to head to law school this fall.

Katie Bolz (8th Class) as she concludes her work with Nebraska Appleseed Center where she is conducting research on food security legislation and working on a state-wide photography project called "Images of Injustice." This fall will take her to the University of Michigan's MSW program.

Justin Weinstein-Tull (9th Class) as he leaves his position with the Urban Institute this fall to



National Hunger Fellow Alumni return to the Penn House to welcome the 10th Class to D.C. during their policy training.

move to Boston, where he will work on a Master in Public Policy degree at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Matt Achhammer (9th Class) on his new position with the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Matt is serving as the Campaign Organizer for the National Housing Trust Fund.

Andrea Maresca (6th Class) as she begins working toward a Master in Public Health degree from George Washington University.

If you know of other interesting alumni news, or would like to be included in the Alumni Listserv, please email us at alumni@hungercenter.org.

IN MEMORIAM



The CHC was shocked and saddened to hear of the October 2003 death of Dan Adam, Hunger Fellow Alumnus. As a National Hunger Fellow in the 4th Class (1997 - 1998), Dan worked with the Northern Cheyenne Emergency Homeless Shelter Program in Lame Deer, Montana and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Following the Hunger Fellowship, Dan went on to earn his law degree from the University of Notre Dame. He was known to all as a person strongly committed to community service and dealing with the needs of the hungry, and will be sorely missed.

International Alumni

Since finishing their fellowship in June of 2003, the first class of Leland Fellows has continued the fight against hunger in various capacities. Here are just a few examples:

- **Liz Fox**
Graduated from Columbia University's School of Journalism. Liz looks forward to a career writing about development issues.
- **Melody McNeil**
Accepted a job with Catholic Relief Services in Afghanistan.
- **Michael Johnson**
Accepted a new position with USAID in Washington, D.C.
- **Sherry Stanley**
Hired by her former host organization, FUNDE, in El Salvador.
- **Stephanie Donley**
Posted in the Policy and Program Support Unit at the United Nations World Food Program headquarters in Rome.
- **Robert Oliver**
Posted with the UN World Food Program in Guinea.
- **Amy Damon**
Completed her first year of PhD studies at the University of Minnesota as a MacArthur Fellow.



Amy Damon, a member of the first class of Leland Fellows, recently completed her first year of doctoral studies in applied economics at the University of Minnesota.

Leland International Hunger Fellows Program Report

By David M. Thompson and Susannah Wood

Leland Program Update

David Thompson announced in May that he will be stepping down as the Program Director of the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program to attend law school at Duke University this summer. Congratulations, David! Under David's leadership, the program has grown tremendously. Just three years ago, we welcomed our first class of fellows, and now, our second class is preparing for the final year of their fellowships. All of the fellows will return from their field sites to attend training from July 18-23, 2004. After the training and some much needed vacation, the fellows

will resume their work in Washington, D.C., where they will focus on the role of policy in ending hunger. Fellows will be placed with such organizations as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), CARE, Save the Children, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the American Red Cross. To better support the fellows in their work fighting hunger, David Thompson and Associate Director Susannah Wood have been working behind the scenes to strengthen the program advisory board, streamline application processes, and administer the budget so that more fellows are able to attend professional development conferences and workshops.

FIGHTING HUNGER AROUND THE WORLD

From Bolivia to Uganda, Leland Fellows are working around the world to fight hunger. Susannah Wood, Margaret Zeigler and David Thompson traveled during the last six months for site visits with all of the fellows. The following are some recent highlights of the work that fellows have undertaken. For more details on all of the fellows, please refer to their profiles under the international section of the CHC webpage (www.hungercenter.org).

Amanda King - Mexico

Stationed just outside of Mexico City with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Amanda is researching the impacts of



Amanda King shows CIMMYT's test varieties of corn to Margaret Zeigler.

trade agreements upon smallholder maize and corn farmers in Mexico. She heads to England in June to present her recommendations on how to help maize farmers diversify their livelihoods at the International Society of Ethnobiology's Ninth International Congress at the University of Kent.

Andrew Fuys - Italy

In May, Andrew returned to Rome from Indonesia, where he continues to support the International Land Coalition's LAND Partnership Initiative. This initiative links community, state, and international agencies in promoting fair access to land for the poor. Andrew has presented these ideas in Rome at a United Nations forum on land rights and in Brussels at a European Union meeting on land policy guidelines.

Charlie Ehle - Kenya/Sudan/Chad

Based in Nairobi with Catholic Relief Services' Sudan program, Charlie has conducted seed fairs and monitored the humanitarian situation in local communities. Charlie is currently serving in a refugee camp across the border in Chad, where thousands of Sudanese refugees have fled from violence in Sudan's Darfur region.

Chung Lai - Bangladesh/Indonesia

Chung worked with Land O' Lakes (LOL) in Bangladesh to implement a U.S. Department of Agriculture sponsored school feeding program that

supplies milk and fortified biscuits to over 200,000 primary school children. She was the lead proposal writer for the continuation of this project, under which LOL will use a donation of 3,000 metric tons of dry milk to finance further school feeding activities. Since January, Chung has worked out of the Indonesia office, where she is providing the school feeding program with recommendations for improving their operations.

Grace Jones - Guatemala

Grace works with Counterpart International in the rural community of Chisec, one of Guatemala's most impoverished areas. Grace trains women's groups on growing home vegetable gardens to improve their diets and to provide extra sources of income. Another part of Counterpart's project is the development of a recently uncovered Mayan archaeological site for limited tourism. Grace recently organized a one-month course in weaving so that the



Grace Jones examines a community vegetable garden with the help of local boys in Guatemala.

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women in the local community can sell handicraft items to the increasing numbers of tourists in the area.

Jennifer Mayer – Uganda

As the humanitarian response coordinator for the USAID mission in Uganda, Jennifer has worked tirelessly to raise public awareness about the populations affected by the conflict in northern Uganda. She has organized Congressional staff visits to refugee camps and feeding centers, and made a presentation on the crisis to 25 Ugandan parliamentarians from southern districts, many of whom were shocked to learn of the conditions in the camps. She published an online article for *Hunger Notes* which describes her experience dealing with the northern

Ugandan crisis (www.worldhunger.org). Jennifer is also organizing a photo exhibition on life in northern Uganda. The exhibit will be shown at the Ronald Reagan building in Washington and is designed to raise awareness among USAID staff and other policy makers.



Jennifer Mayer assists with a food distribution at a camp in northern Uganda.

Jodie Fonseca – Malawi

Jodie is responsible for training CARE Malawi's 200-person staff to integrate HIV/AIDS awareness into all programming. She advises on HIV/AIDS issues in the workplace, and has recently completed a 15-page staff handbook and a series of workshops on how staff can access anti-retroviral treatments. She also helps the Consortium for Southern Africa Food Emergencies (C-SAFE) identify opportunities to incorporate HIV/AIDS issues more effectively in their activities. Read more about Jodie's work in an article she recently published on HIV/AIDS and food security in *Bread for the World's 2004 Hunger Report*. (Visit www.bread.org to order a copy online.)

Leland Program Welcomes New Advisory Board Members

Gerald Anderson of the American Red Cross and Ina Schonberg of Save the Children joined five other outstanding anti-hunger leaders by accepting appointments to the Leland advisory board in April. Advisory board members come from a variety of institutions, including ACDI/VOCA, InterAction, and the World Bank. The advisory board met on April 9, 2004 and offered specific advice in the areas of security, recruiting and training.



Gerald Anderson of the American Red Cross and Vera Weill-Halle of the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development at a recent advisory board meeting.

Can Your Organization Host a Leland Fellow?

The Leland Program has sent 25 organizations an invitation to apply to host one of our fellows for the 2005-2007 cycle.

If your organization would like to apply, please contact Susannah Wood for your application: swood@hungercenter.org.

*The deadline for applications is **JULY 31, 2004.***

CHC is seeking a Co-Director for our Mickey Leland International Program. For more details, please visit our website at <http://www.hungercenter.org/chc/jobs.htm>

EMERSON NATIONAL HUNGER FELLOWS PROGRAM REPORT

By Kristin E. Anderson and John D. Kelly, Program Co-Directors

EMERSON PROGRAM UPDATE

So much has happened since our last newsletter! Program Co-Directors Kristin Anderson and John Kelly, along with Associate Director Aileen Carr have been as busy as ever. Highlights since our last newsletter include the Fellows' Mid-Field Retreat (November 2003), matching the Fellows with policy site host organizations (January 2004), planning and implementing Policy Training (February 2004), transitioning the current class of National Fellows (the 10th) to Washington, D.C., and interviewing and selecting the 11th Class of National Fellows (March - April 2004). The coming months will find us matching the 11th Class with their field site host organizations, and celebrating the July 26, 2004 Commencement of the 10th Class. We hope that many alumni and supervisors can join us for this momentous event!



Current Fellow Patience Butler gleans corn in western Pennsylvania.

Emerson Fellows Participate in Mid-Field Retreat

November 2003 in New Orleans

As an effort to support Hunger Fellows mid-way through their field site experience and to provide an opportunity for Fellows to learn and grow together, each year since 2002 the program staff has hosted a Mid-Field Retreat. In addition to planning the remainder of their Fellowship and connecting with other Hunger Fellows working on similar issues, the retreat provides an opportunity for each Fellow to reflect on his/her personal Fellowship experience in the context of the larger anti-hunger movement.

HUNGER FELLOWS

AS AUTHORS:

Hunger Free Community Report Highlights

In addition to the phenomenal work that Hunger Fellows accomplished in the field for their host organizations, each Fellow also completed a *Hunger Free Community Report* during the first six months. Highlights include:

Advocacy Retooled is an innovative anti-hunger and poverty advocacy toolkit targeted at community level anti-hunger leaders and designed to communicate the importance of advocacy work in eradicating hunger and poverty. *By Patience Butler and Sarah Garrett.*

Assessment of Food Security in Ward 8 is a reference guide to the state of the food system in this historically underserved area of Washington, D.C. The guide identifies the problems an inadequate food system in the neighborhood presents and serves as a

tool to direct the field site host organization's program activities. *By Rachel Clay.*

The Child and Adult Care Food Program in Milwaukee County is a comprehensive assessment of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) utilization in Milwaukee County. The report includes results of a survey of all family home daycare providers and group childcare centers in Milwaukee County, summaries of interviews conducted with 40 CACFP stakeholders from all program settings, and a mapping project depicting gaps in CACFP participation. It is available at www.hungertaskforce.org. *By Katherine Gigliotti.*

Urban Agriculture in Hartford is a compilation of research on the benefits, challenges, and potential of urban agriculture, including specific recommendations for the city of Hartford. The multi-component presentation is adaptable to a variety of audiences including policymakers, community members, and organizations. *By Shana McDavis-Conway.*

Unnoticed, Unaddressed & Unacceptable Revealing and Attacking Washington State's Persistent Hunger Problem outlines six solutions to reduce hunger, including increasing participation in School Lunch, Breakfast, and Summer Food programs; lifting the lifetime ban on Food Stamps for people with former drug felony convictions; and adopting two Farm Bill options that streamline reporting requirements for Food Stamps. *By Rebekah Park.*

For full electronic copies of *Hunger Free Community Reports*, contact Kristin Anderson at kanderson@hungercenter.org.



Current Fellow Elizabeth Whelan and community member Rosalva Coronado picking up donated supplies for a new kitchen micro enterprise in Tucson, Arizona.

10th Class Fellows Participate in Policy Training

In February the Emerson National Hunger Fellows returned to Washington, D.C. from their field experiences and gathered at the William Penn House for ten days of policy training. The training commenced with Emerson Fellows sharing their many field accomplishments, including presentations of their **Hunger Free Community Reports**. The Emerson Fellows received an orientation to Washington, D.C., training on national policy formation, briefings on specific aspects of hunger and poverty policy, and participated in the 2004 National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference hosted by the Food Research and Action Center, America's Second Harvest, and the CACFP Forum. Leaders from a broad array of anti-hunger organizations and government agencies participated in the training. Highlights included:

- Lunch and discussion with CHC Board Co-Chairs, **Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO)** and **Rep. James McGovern (D-MA)**.
- A "Welcome to D.C." Dinner and Discussion with Alumni. A special thanks to the 25+ Hunger Fellow alumni who participated in the discussion facilitated by **Alumni Liz Wroe** and **Bridget Murphy**.
- Learning about the role that Hill Staff play in affecting policy during a panel facilitated by **Keith Stern**, Office of Rep. James McGovern (D-MA) comprised of: **Tony Eberhard**, Office of Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO); **David Rouzer**, Office of Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-NC); **Derek Miller**, Professional Staff Member to the Senate Committee on



Fellows meet Ambassador Tony Hall, founder of CHC, with Rep. James McGovern, at the Friends of the World Food Program Reception.

Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry (Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA); and **Jessica Arden**, who works for Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI) on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

Further training on specific policy issues related to hunger and poverty included briefings by many experts, including:

- **Jessica Shahin**, Deputy Administrator of the Food Stamp Program for the Food and Nutrition Service of the USDA, who discussed Food Stamp policy;
- **Nicole Woo** of the Food Research and Action Center, who discussed Child Nutrition Reauthorization;
- **Anne Curtis** from NETWORK began to lay a foundation for policy work by providing an overview of the legislative and federal budget processes; and,
- **Dr. Ramona Hoage Edelin** from the Corporation for Enterprise Development shared her expertise on asset development policy.

10th Class Policy Site Highlights

Some examples of the fine work being done by Emerson National Hunger Fellows while with their policy site placements include:

Sean Coffey, placed with the **National League of Cities (NLC)**, is working with the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families on the Helping Working Families Project. He is providing technical assistance to six cities as they work with NLC to improve their multi-benefits outreach campaigns so that more eligible

people can access programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Food Stamps, and Medicaid.

Wick Ruehling, working with **America's Second Harvest (A2H)**, is creating a state-by-state survey of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) distribution procedures and is developing a best-practices manual that will be sent to state TEFAP administrators and food banks. He is also developing a guide of Department of Health and Human Services grants pertinent to food banks in the A2H system.

Yesenia Garcia is the point person on hunger issues in Latino communities for the **National Council of La Raza (NCLR)**. She is serving as the key contact for NCLR in the broader anti-

hunger advocacy community with the goal of informing coalition work on issues pertinent to Latinos. Yesenia is also developing a series of documents exploring a broad range of issues concerning hunger in the Latino community to both support and inform NCLR's advocacy efforts.

Elizabeth Whelan, at the **USDA**, is coordinating the new USDA nationwide food stamp outreach coalition uniting national, state and local advocates with policy makers to focus on outreach as a way to improve participation in the Food Stamp Program. She is also involved in management of the national media campaign, outreach grant competition, and expansion and maintenance of a food stamp outreach website.



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10 Years of Developing Leaders

In June, CHC will receive its 10-year review and evaluation of the National Hunger Fellowship Program from Innovation Network, an independent group whose mission is to improve nonprofit results by building evaluation capacity. Over 70% of all current National Fellows and alumni completed an online survey commenting upon their experiences as Fellows. The evaluation will help us examine the effectiveness of our programs in the fulfillment of our mission, "Fighting Hunger by Developing Leaders."

Policy Forums

In November 2003, Ed Cooney joined Doug O'Brien of America's Second Harvest, Barry Sackin and Marshall Matz of the American School Food Service Association, and Ellen Teller of FRAC as a presenter at the Hungry Child Conference at the McGovern Center in Mitchell, South Dakota. Other speakers included James T. Morris, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Program and Eric Bost, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

In January, Ed met with the Share our Strength Board of Directors to outline the expectations of program expansion for the Summer and After School Food nutrition programs. Expansion of these two programs was selected as the focus of groups applying for grant funds from SOS as a result of the Great American Bake Sale, which Parade magazine and SOS sponsored.

In April, Ed participated in the Food and Society Networking Conference, sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, in Olympic Valley, California. At the conference, participants explored new ways to create future food systems. Also in April, he gave a keynote address at

the 2nd North American International School Milk Conference at the Reagan International Trade Center. His topic was the "Impact of Policy, Health Issues, and Funding Mechanisms on School Milk Programs Worldwide." The event was sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the National Dairy Council. CHC board member, Marshall Matz, was a co-speaker.

Child Nutrition Reauthorization

Progress Update - House and Senate

In March, the House of Representatives passed the Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act (HR3873), by a vote of 419 to 5. While funding for several of the "big ticket proposals" of anti-hunger advocates was not achieved, there were important expansions to the Summer Food Lugar state pilots, the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and newly authorized Farm-to-School projects. Members and staff of the House Education and Workforce Committee, particularly Chairman John Boehner, ranking member George Miller, and professional staff members Kate Houston, Denise Forte, and Lynda Theil, worked effectively on a bipartisan basis to produce important improvements in nutrition programs benefiting the nation's children.

On May 19th, the Senate Agriculture Committee reported out its version of the bill entitled Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. The Senate bill differs from the House bill by adding more Lugar state pilots and provides for phasing in mandatory direct certification for food stamps households. Direct certification means that children living in households receiving food

stamps automatically are eligible to participate in school lunch without further application. Chairman Thad Cochran and ranking member Tom Harkin, together with committee staff members such as Dave Johnson, Eric Steiner (a former Emerson National Hunger Fellow), and Derek Miller provided bipartisan leadership in producing this bill. Senate floor action is pending.

Thanks to Our '03-'04 Contributors!

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A BLUEPRINT TO END HUNGER
On June 3rd, National Hunger Awareness Day, the National Anti-Hunger Organizations (NAHO), of which CHC is a founding member, released "A Blueprint to End Hunger." The Blueprint is offered as a roadmap to solve the problem of hunger in the United States. To read the blueprint, please visit our website at www.hungercenter.org

New CHC Staff Member



Amera Bilal, CHC's Business Manager/Communications Associate.

CHC is proud to introduce our newest staff member, Amera Bilal. A 2002 graduate of Bowie State University, Amera joined our team in early 2004 to assist with the planning of our National Hunger Forum. Amera brings her interest in public policy, education reform, and media relations to the position of Business Manager and Communications Associate.