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CHC Pays Tribute to Mickey Leland

CHC honored the memory of former **Representative Mickey Leland** at the beautiful U.S. Botanic Garden, on May 19, 2009. Representative Leland was a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Houston, Texas. During six terms in the Congress and five years as a Texas state legislator and Democratic Party official he successfully brought attention to human rights issues and rallied support that resulted in both public and private action. Together with **Representative Benjamin Gilman**, Leland founded the House Select Committee on Hunger in 1984.



(Left to Right) Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow Ayanna Williams; Representative Jo Ann Emerson; Senator Herb Kohl and Jon Janowski of Hunger Task Force in Milwaukee

August 7, 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the tragic plane crash that occurred during a famine mission in Ethiopia. Leland was on the plane and was leading a mission to a refugee camp, which sheltered thousands of civilians

fleeing from conflict in Sudan. Congressional staff members, State Department officials, USAID and Peace Corps personnel and Ethiopian nationals were with him on the flight that day.

At the event, CHC's 275 guests included Members of Congress, senior officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and corporate and nonprofit leaders, as well as current Emerson and Leland Hunger Fellows and alumni, and CHC board members and staff.

Master of Ceremonies, CHC executive director **Edward M. Cooney**, welcomed the guests and paid tribute to the Emerson and Leland Fellows and alumni now serving throughout the United States and in over 20 countries around the world. **Dr. Kathleen Merrigan**, the USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, gave a special address about hunger overseas



(Left to Right) Deputy Director Margaret Zeigler; Ambassador Tony Hall; Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.; Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow Nikki Mosuro and Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellow Meaghan Murphy

and in the United States. Next, the legendary civil rights leader, **Representative John Lewis**, delivered a moving tribute speech honoring Mickey Leland.

We then proudly honored four outstanding national leaders who have dedicated their lives and their work to fighting hunger and poverty in the U.S. and across the globe:



(Left to Right) Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellow Adam Norikanel Representative Donald M. Payne; Representative Sheila Jackson Lee; Alison Leland; Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Veronica Conti and Sarah Custer

● **Representative Donald Payne** was presented with *The Mickey Leland Hunger Leader Award* by CHC board member, **Representative Sheila Jackson Lee**;

● **Senator Herb Kohl** was presented with *The Mickey Leland Hunger Leader Award* by CHC board co-chair, **Representative Jo Ann Emerson**;

● **Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.** was presented

with *The Mickey Leland Hunger Leader Award* by CHC Founder, **Ambassador Tony P. Hall**; and

● **Senator Thad Cochran** was presented with *The Mickey Leland Hunger Leader Award* by CHC board co-chair, **Representative James P. McGovern**.

Alison Leland joined us that evening from Houston, Texas. Staff from the former House Select Committee on Hunger were present, including **Marty Rendon, Patricia Johnson, Ray Boshara, and Marty LaVor**. A highlight of the evening was a videotaped message from **Chris Matthews** of MSNBC/Hardball. Matthews



(Left to Right) Deputy Director Margaret Zeigler; Hunter Moorhead of the Office of Senator Thad Cochran, and Representative Jim McGovern

traveled with Mickey Leland on one of his humanitarian missions to Africa in the 1980's, and his videotaped message at the event vividly captured their experiences as they encountered hungry refugees, militant warlords, *continued on page 3*



Greetings from the Executive Director

By Edward M. Cooney



On July 22nd, we proudly celebrated the 15th class of Emerson National Hunger Fellows at their commencement ceremony, held at the Phoenix Park Hotel. **Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.** of Pennsylvania joined members of the “Witnesses to Hunger Project” from Philadelphia in celebrating the success of the Emerson Fellows that evening. Our 4th class of Leland International Hunger Fellows completed their two year fellowship in June. We will have 35 new Emerson/Leland Fellows in 2009/2010 working on five continents in 16 countries and in 10 U.S. States. There were 540 applicants for these 35 fellowships.

Several new U.S. Department of Agriculture staff helped CHC celebrate the life and legacy of former U.S. Representative **Mickey Leland** at the U.S. Botanic Garden on May 19th. USDA Deputy Secretary

Kathleen Merrigan greeted our guests and the USDA Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service Deputy Under Secretary **Janey Thornton** and USDA Food and Nutrition Service Administrator **Julie Paradis** were in attendance. **John Kelly**, Director of Faith Based and Community Initiatives Office at the Corporation for National and Community Service, and **Max Finberg**, Director of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Office at USDA, were in the audience as well. Both John and Max were former Directors of CHC’s National Hunger Fellowship program.

CHC has been actively engaging with the Obama Administration on a number of food security initiatives. We met with the Agriculture Transition Team regarding the need to include increased funding for the SNAP (Food

Stamp) program in the economic stimulus legislation. We also highlighted the importance of including funding for expansion and improvements for child nutrition in the President’s 2010 budget. We are very pleased that the President accepted the recommendations of CHC and other National Anti Hunger Organizations (NAHO) regarding these legislative priorities.

CHC has worked alongside members of the Child Nutrition Forum on the 2009 Child Nutrition Reauthorization. We have met with the key White House staff on the Domestic Policy Council and the Office of Management and Budget to express our views on how to improve access to and the nutritional quality of meals served to children in school, after school, in the summer and in pre-school child care programs.

I have been an active member of the Community Food Security board of directors. The board is nearing completion of its strategic plan for the next five years. Some of the key policy objectives that we will address are expanding direct participation of farmers and farm products to supply school lunch programs (Farm to School) and expanding the availability and use of locally grown foods for the community as a whole.

CHC proudly welcomes two new board members! **Kimberly Perry**, Kid’s Movement Director of the Clinton Foundation’s Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and **Alejandra Lopez-Fernandini** of the New America Foundation, commenced their board service in June, 2009. We look forward to working closely with them in the coming years as we ‘fight hunger by developing leaders.’ ●

CHC hosts lunch for Witnesses to Hunger Participants and Emerson Fellows

Forty mothers. Forty cameras. One purpose: to end child hunger. “Witnesses to Hunger” is a project featuring photographs of Philadelphia women who are working to create better lives for their children. On Thursday May 7, these powerful Philadelphia mothers joined Emerson fellows and CHC staff in our office for lunch and conversation. The project, begun by **Dr. Mariana Chilton** of the

Drexel University School of Public Health, acknowledges that policies and programs are often created without participation by people who are most affected. Who better to speak on poverty and maternal and child health than mothers of young children?

Each participant was given a digital camera, and asked to take pictures of what poverty and hunger meant to them. Their stories were

then recorded. By using this technique, known as “Photovoice,” the project has given the women a voice with a message that is now being heard. **Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.** invited the Witnesses to Hunger Exhibit and participants to Capitol Hill. From May 4-8, the Russell Rotunda featured the compelling pictures and stories of these strong women. CHC staff and fellows viewed the

exhibit, shared lunch with the Witnesses and project staff, and left inspired by their accomplishments and goals. CHC is honored to have hosted this lunch, and we look forward to the continued success of the Witnesses to Hunger project. To learn more about the project and view the photos, visit: www.witnessestohunger.org ●

Tribute to Mickey Leland

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and abandoned children in Sudan and Ethiopia.

Corporate, foundation, and individual contributions for the Tribute event totaled over \$300,000 to benefit our Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows and our Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows. A special **thank you** to all of our contributors who made this event possible!

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During 2008, CHC applied for and has now received a \$250,000 grant from the ConAgra Foods Foundation for the CHILD Project. CHILD is the Child Hunger Initiative on Learning and Development. This initiative will fund the field and policy placements of four Emerson National Hunger Fellows. The Emerson Fellows will focus on increasing access to and improving the nutritional quality of foods provided in federal child nutrition programs. We would like to thank Feeding America and Share Our Strength (SOS) for their support on this initiative.



Mickey Leland's Life and Legacy Tribute Evening

On Tuesday, May 19th, 2009 the **Congressional Hunger Center (CHC)** paid tribute to Mickey Leland, former Representative from Houston, Texas, with a reception at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Mickey Leland and 15 other humanitarians lost their lives in a tragic plane crash on August 7, 1989 during a famine mission to Ethiopia. His dedication to the fight against hunger serves as an inspiration and as a foundation for CHC's anti-hunger work.

At the event we recognized the following individuals for their important contributions to the fight against hunger:

Representative Donald M. Payne

Senator Herb Kohl

Senator Thad Cochran

Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.

Representative John Lewis graciously shared a memorial tribute to Mickey Leland at the event

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Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program Report

By Aileen Carr

Special Report: Emerson Program Anti-Racism Initiatives

The Emerson Program has been steadily working for the last 6 years to incorporate an anti-racist approach to all aspects of our work. What began with an effort to have more racially and economically diverse classes of fellows has evolved over the years into what is now a strong programmatic commitment to anti-racism. This commitment is also the foundation for our current and future work to establish a broader anti-oppression framework including other forms of oppression, such as sexism, classism, and homophobia.

Anti-racism is “the practice of identifying, challenging, preventing, eliminating, and changing the values, structures, policies, programs, practices, and behaviors that perpetuate racism.”¹

Why?

The Emerson Program is very intentional about addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty, including eradicating social oppression in all forms. Oppression and inequality permeate all parts of our society and we must commit all we can to eliminating it if we are to ever be truly successful in creating a just, hunger and poverty-free society. Therefore, cultivating an understanding of both the history and current manifestations of racial oppression is

critical for Emerson Hunger Fellows to be effective in their field and policy placements. It is also important to address issues of racism and other manifestations of social inequality, including classism and homophobia, within the community of Fellows. The Fellows themselves are such a diverse group of young leaders that we must provide space to explore how issues of oppression impact each Fellow and the class as a whole in order to build the strong learning community that has become the hallmark of the Emerson Program.

How?

Over the last 5 years, the Emerson program has examined all components of the program, including recruitment and selection of Fellows and field and policy sites, the training curriculum, Fellow advising, and program administration, to determine where we could make changes that would ensure that the Emerson Program is 1) addressing hunger and poverty in communities of color in a thoughtful, effective way, and 2) providing young leaders of any race, class, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation a place to learn, thrive, and contribute. In order to reflect this commitment, we needed to make significant changes to how we work with fellows, field and policy sites, and internal program systems. Below we highlight select program changes that are moving us toward our anti-racism goals.

Field and Policy Sites

The focus of our field site recruiting efforts has shifted to building relationships with organizations in urban areas with high rates of hunger and poverty in communities of color, including New Orleans, New York City, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, and Oakland. We have also increased the number of field and policy projects specifically focused on the intersections between poverty, race and inequality. Examples from the 15th Class of Emerson Fellows include:

- **Michael Richardson's** policy work at RESULTS, where he is working to recruit more volunteer groups in communities of color around the country and organize a day-long diversity training at the RESULTS annual conference.

- **Sarah Custer's** work to address racial health disparities in New Orleans by working to increase access to healthy food in communities of color.

- **Nico Quintana's** report on how discrimination and injustice against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people impacts poverty rates in those communities at the policy site Center for American Progress.

The Emerson program has established new partnerships with policy site organizations focusing on racial justice and poverty, including the Joint Center on Economic and Policy Studies,



National Council of La Raza, and Migrant Legal Action Program. We also encourage field and policy sites to address issues of oppression internally and within the communities in which they work, and provide technical assistance and resources on anti-racism. Some of our strategies as we work with partners have included:

- Changing field and policy site applications in order to gain more information about how organizations applying to host fellows address racism and other forms of oppression in their work.

- Redesigning orientation meetings with field and policy site supervisors to include discussions of the importance of openly challenging racism, sexism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination, and shared best practices for doing so.

- Recruiting sites with people of color in leadership positions and ensuring that Fellows work with supervisors of color.

Fellows

The Emerson Program has also made some changes to fellow training, selection, and

¹ Source: Strategic Framework for Action, British Columbia Multicultural Advisory Council

recruitment. We have developed an intensive anti-racism curriculum and integrated it into all program training components—including field training, program retreat, policy training, and professional development days—and begun to expand that framework to include other forms of oppression, including sexism, classism, and homophobia. The views and voices of people who have experienced poverty themselves are incorporated into training sessions on hunger and poverty in the U.S. and a series of new training sessions exploring identity, privilege, and oppression are woven throughout the year of training. We also provide space for fellows to develop their own anti-oppression goals and encourage their ongoing intentional analysis of race and racism in all areas of training. Other changes include the selection of Fellows and host sites who

share the Emerson Program commitment to anti-racism and the implementation of a new recruiting plan designed to increase the number of people of color who apply for the Emerson program.

Program Administration

A final critical area of change is that of how we administer the program. The program staff team has increased its class, race and gender diversity. Fellowship advisors are required to have a commitment to anti-racism and experience dealing with oppression issues so that they can be helpful partners with fellows as they work toward their anti-oppression goals throughout the fellowship year and beyond. Finally, to address class disparities, the living stipend has increased to a more reasonable level so that Fellows with personal experience with poverty are more likely to apply and/or be able to participate.

So What?

The Emerson Program commitment to anti-racism has had a tremendous impact on the program so far. Half or more of the fellows in each of the last 3 classes are people of color and we had the most racially diverse applicant pool in the history of the Congressional Hunger Center for this year's incoming class. We have supported field and policy sites working alongside communities of color to end hunger and poverty and we have encouraged those organizations that do great work in communities all over the U.S. but that may not fully share our views on anti-racism to explore these issues and find common ground. As part of our work to address class issues, we have also significantly increased the number of fellows with personal experience with poverty.

We have provided the space for Emerson Fellows—the emerging leaders in anti-hunger and anti-poverty work—to explore these challenging issues together and begin developing ways to address oppression in their lives and in their current and future anti-hunger and anti-poverty work.

What next?

The Emerson Program will continue to deepen our work around anti-racism and incorporate more fully other forms of oppression into the work of the program, including sexism, classism, and homophobia. To learn more about these efforts, please call **Aileen Carr, Shana McDavis-Conway, Dara Cooper, or Jon Wogman** at 202-547-7022. ●



Above: Senator George McGovern and 15th class National Hunger Fellows at FRAC Dinner



Left: Stephany Whitaker, Emerson Hunger Fellow at the Claggett Farm for a professional development day training

15th Class Engages In Anti-Hunger and Anti-Poverty Policy Work

This year, Emerson Fellows are working in policy sites on a broad range of issues: promoting child nutrition and farm to school programs, supporting migrant farm workers' rights, preventing hate crimes against homeless individuals, and researching ex-offenders' access to public benefits. Fellows are also actively educating Members of Congress about specific hunger and poverty issues, exploring how asset building strategies can contribute to economic recovery, engaging youth groups and faith communities in anti-hunger policy, monitoring

implementation of major changes to the SNAP (food stamps) program, studying SNAP's role in reducing diet related diseases, and analyzing health care reform proposals. The Fellows' energy and hard work have made a real impact on their host organizations, and their supervisors are supporting and mentoring the Fellows as they learn about the role of federal policy in promoting social justice. For more information on the 15th Class, please see their web profiles at <http://www.hungercenter.org/national/fellowsprofiles.htm>. ●

Leland International Hunger Fellows Program Report

By Leland Program Staff

Farewell to the 4th Class

June 30th marked the final day of the fellowship program for the 4th Class of Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows. The breadth and depth of their accomplishments is a testament to their hard work and dedication signaling a bright future for this talented group of young professionals. The following highlights provide a glimpse into the range of responsibilities and achievements undertaken by Fellows during their policy year. Best wishes to the 4th Class of Leland Fellows and congratulations on a job well done!

Kurt Burja worked in the Health and Nutrition Unit for the World Food Program (WFP) Cambodia assisting in the management and monitoring of food assistance implementation to three health and nutrition programs. Kurt led efforts to identify and recommend potential food fortification initiatives that WFP Cambodia will apply to their programs. **Ira Frydman** spent the year in Kenya managing The African Drought Risk and Development Network for the

United Nations Development Program (UNDP). His contribution to the Network led to the submission of numerous discussion papers focusing on climate change adaptation and mitigation in drylands Africa. As the Pastoralist Systems Advisor with Land O'Lakes, **Carmen Jaquez** traveled frequently to Rwanda to advise on a dairy development and PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) livelihoods program. Carmen was active with the global livestock development community in Washington, DC, helping create a framework illustrating the importance of livestock in development and how its application can lead to a way out of poverty. **Meagan Keefe's** research at IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute) is aimed at informing policymakers in order for them to create policies that will improve the livelihoods of rural households in Latin America. Meagan's work focused on a range of issues including the impacts of increased global food prices on the poor in Latin America and a study evaluating ways



Leland Fellows Adam Norikane, Anne Claire Hervy and Alexis Jones at the AIARD Annual Conference where Anne Claire was awarded the 2009 Young Professional Award

to improve markets for rural producers in Senegal, Uganda, and Zambia.

Daniele Nyirandutiye conducted a systematic review of the treatment of acute malnutrition in children between 6-59 months of age in Mali while working with Helen Keller International. The results of the evaluation were used by the Ministry of Health in Mali and its nutrition partners to promote and expand mass screening for acute malnutrition throughout the country. **Alder Keleman** worked with FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) in Rome researching the relationship between maize biodiversity, agricultural policy, and markets in Mexico. In addition to writing six peer reviewed articles, Alder contributed to several chapters for a book based on a 5-country research project on the role of seed markets in providing farmers with access to crop genetic material.

Adam Norikane produced a training manual for ACDI/VOCA entitled "Community Forestry as Business" which provides a curriculum for development practitioners to train rural farmers on the business of non-timber forest products. **Eric Haglund** worked in Niger with ICRISAT (International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics) studying the social and economic impacts of agroforestry systems. His research findings aim to increase agricultural productivity of rural Nigerian farmers. **Anne-Claire Hervy** worked with the Africa-US Higher Education Initiative to strengthen partnerships between Africa and U.S. education institutions. In June Anne-Claire was awarded the AIARD Young Professional Award which recognizes early career contributions to international agriculture and rural development. Congratulations Anne-Claire! ●

Country Policy Study in Guatemala

In March 2009, the 4th Class of Mickey Leland Fellows conducted a ten day Country Policy Study (CPS) in Guatemala. Please refer to the enclosed insert for an account of trip activities including information on the participating organizations and speakers who helped make the CPS a huge success.

Announcing the 5th Class of International Hunger Fellows!

The Congressional Hunger Center warmly welcomes the 5th Class of Leland International Hunger Fellows!

On July 16th the 15 Fellows will meet for the first time in Washington DC for a ten day pre-field training. Following

training, the Fellows depart for their respective international field sites where they will work with their host

organizations for the first year of the fellowship program. Congratulations 5th Class and Welcome! ●

Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program Class of 2009-2011

Name	Graduate School	Organization	Field Site
Africa			
Kerri Agee	University of Maryland, MSW/MPH	Catholic Relief Services	Mopti, Mali
Blake Audsley	Johns Hopkins University (SAIS), MA	World Food Programme	Lilongwe, Malawi
Lindsay Dozoretz	American University, MA	Save the Children	Nampula, Mozambique
Susan Ilyin	Columbia University, MSW	Land O'Lakes	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Sonia Lee	Yale University, MPH	Action Group for Health, Human Rights, and HIV/AIDS (AGHA) and Physicians for Human Rights	Kampala, Uganda
Steven Myers	University of Washington, MPA	Ikamva Labantu and the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), overseen by ANSA	Cape Town, South Africa
Emily Wei	Duke University, MPP Fordham University, JD	CARE International	Lilongwe, Malawi
Asia			
Curan Bonham	University of Montana, MS	Bioversity International	New Delhi, India
Erica Holzaepfel	Tufts University (Friedman and Fletcher), MS and MA	World Food Programme and USDA Foreign Agricultural Service	Vientiane, Laos
Tiffany Imes	Tulane University, MPH	World Bank	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Gabriela Prudencio	George Mason University, MA	Mercy Corps	Jakarta, Indonesia
Jillian Waid	Washington University in St. Louis, MSW	Helen Keller International	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Latin America			
Maielle Helman	American University, MA	World Food Programme	La Paz, Bolivia
Amy Margolies	Tufts University (Fletcher), MA	National Foundation for Education and Development (NFED) and the Global Child Nutrition Forum (GCNF)	Brasilia, Brazil
Carlos Centeno	University of Kansas, MA	World Food Programme	Guatemala City, Guatemala

Leland Alumni Updates

After finishing his MBA in December at IE Business School in Madrid, 3rd class alumnus **Andy Miller** returned to Berkeley, California where he serves as managing director and founder of Foresta Capital, an ongoing project throughout business school. The company will address both environmental issues and food security, through ecosystem services and by adopting social impact policies. The company's challenge at the broadest level is to develop a market-based solution to spur investment in tropical

forestry projects and to arrest and reverse deforestation which accounts for 20 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. Foresta's projects consist of mixed landscapes of commercial timber stands and ecological corridors to be returned to natural forest. The projects will be fully certified as sustainable and will also generate carbon offsets for the amount of CO₂ sequestered in the estates' biomass.

Since March 2007, 2nd class alumna **Elizabeth Brown** has been working at the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan for the United States Agency for

International Development (USAID). In her first assignment, Elizabeth was a Field Officer on a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in southwestern Afghanistan where she served as a development liaison to the U.S. military under NATO-ISAF command. Currently, Elizabeth works as an Agriculture Development Advisor in USAID's Alternative Development and Agriculture Office in Kabul. Her work focuses on alternative livelihood agricultural and rural development programs as well as on environmental and biodiversity programming. One of her primary environmental field sites is located in Bamyan, Afghanistan.

Nate Heller, an alumnus from the 3rd class, completed an MBA at Yale School of Management in May 2009. In August will start working as a Program Consultant in Hyderabad, India, with VisionSpring, a nonprofit social enterprise that equips local entrepreneurs to start small businesses selling reading glasses.



In Bamyan province, Afghanistan, Elizabeth Brown stands in front of the rock-hewn Bamyan Buddhas the Taliban destroyed shortly before Sept. 11, 2001



Andy Miller in front of the National Forestry Institute (Inab) of with his Guatemalan Foresta teammate.

Amanda Rives-Argeñal, an alumna from the 3rd class, recently started working at World Vision International where she is helping to build advocacy capacity in 14 National Offices, coordinating communications and advocacy campaigns, and representing World Vision International in the City of Knowledge in Panama City. She will be relocating to Panama City over the summer. ●

Welcome to the Leland Fellowship Family

Todd Flower, alumnus from the 3rd class, and his wife, Kathleen Reaugh Flower, married on September 13, 2008. Their daughter, Lisa, was born on November 28, 2008. Todd and his family are currently living in Liberia.



Lisa Macklin Flower

Mike Manske, alumnus from the 3rd class, and his wife, Eleanor, welcomed their son, Gavin Kuziva Manske, who was born on May 18, 2009 at 5:52 pm at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. The baby measured 19 inches and weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.



Gavin Kuziva Manske

National Policy Report

By Edward M. Cooney

Engaging the New Administration on Domestic Hunger Priorities

CHC's executive director, **Ed Cooney**, met with the Presidential Transition team on Agriculture with allied national anti-hunger groups. We also met with key White House staff at the Domestic Policy Council and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The impact of these meetings was swift and immense. The President's Economic Stimulus legislation include our recommendation of \$20 billion in new money for SNAP (formerly the Food Stamp program) as an important mechanism to immediately jump start the economy through the expenditure of federal funds. Also, the President's FY 2010 budget included \$1 billion in new spending authority for the 2009 Child Nutrition Reauthorization. No other Administration has included a similar budget request for child nutrition programs.

Advising the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies

The Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) of IOM invited **Kathleen Rasmussen** of Cornell University, **Reynaldo Martorell** of Emory University and Ed Cooney of CHC to address the board at its summer meeting in June at Woods Hole, Massachusetts on issues of nutrition affecting women and children in the U.S. and in developing countries. FNB will use these

presentations as one of several tools to shape their research agenda in future years. Ed presented a White Paper on the 2009 Child Nutrition Reauthorization legislation. The key topics of discussion included the importance of establishing nutrition standards for foods that "compete" with schools meals and whether or not Congress should establish a nationally approved list of "good foods/bad foods" and deny SNAP participants the right to make any choice regarding selection of any "bad foods."

Supporting the Tufts/Kellogg Foundation Forum

In June, Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation held a forum at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on "Children's Health: The Future of Food and Nutrition Policy." Several Emerson Fellows and CHC staff attended. CHC played a major role in the planning of the forum and the selection of speakers. Approximately 180 people attended the event. The purpose of the event was to highlight the role that the Friedman School faculty and students play in agriculture and nutrition policy for Washington policy makers.

Hosting the Child Nutrition Forum (CNF) and National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity (NANA)

On May 12th CHC hosted the first joint policy meeting

of CNF and NANA. The topic of the meeting was "competitive foods," (foods that compete with foods served through the National School Lunch Program). Over 50 groups attended. The Harkin/Woolsey bills creating the establishment of nutrition standards for competitive foods were the focus of the discussion. The enactment of these bills as part of the 2009 Child Nutrition Reauthorization could have a profound impact on childhood obesity and improved health status for the 30 million children participating in school meals program. The discussion was spirited and encompassed all outstanding issue from the private sector, consumer, anti-hunger and school nutrition perspectives. If legislation is enacted, this meeting will likely be noted as having a significant impact on all participants.

Working with the Philadelphia Universal School Pilot

USDA threatened to end the 17 year universal school lunch pilot in Philadelphia. There were some administrative issues with the pilot and the length of the pilot was also a factor. This decision caused a major political reaction from the governor and the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation. CHC was an informal adviser to USDA, **Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.**, and Community Legal Services of Philadelphia. USDA has now decided to revisit this issue during reauthorization. So, the 130,000

children affected by this decision will continue to receive their school meals.

Update on the FY10 Agriculture Appropriations

House floor action in the Agriculture Appropriation for FY10 has increased funding for a broad range of domestic and international food security programs, including WIC (Women, Infants, and Children Program), Commodity Supplemental Food, Food for Peace-Public Law 480 Title II, and the McGovern/Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition programs. The Emerson/Leland Hunger Fellowships are funded at \$2.5 million. The Senate Agriculture Appropriation subcommittee has approved the Agriculture subcommittee recommendation to fully fund the Emerson/Leland Fellowships at \$3 million. Final funding levels for programs like the Emerson/Leland Fellowships will be determined in a House/Senate conference in September. ●

International School Feeding Photography Initiative

In depth look at the impact of school feeding programs around the world

As part of an effort to increase political support for school feeding, **Elizabeth Whelan**, photographer and Associate Director of the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program, and **Rachel Winch**, a current Leland Fellow, collaborated on a School Feeding Advocacy Initiative.

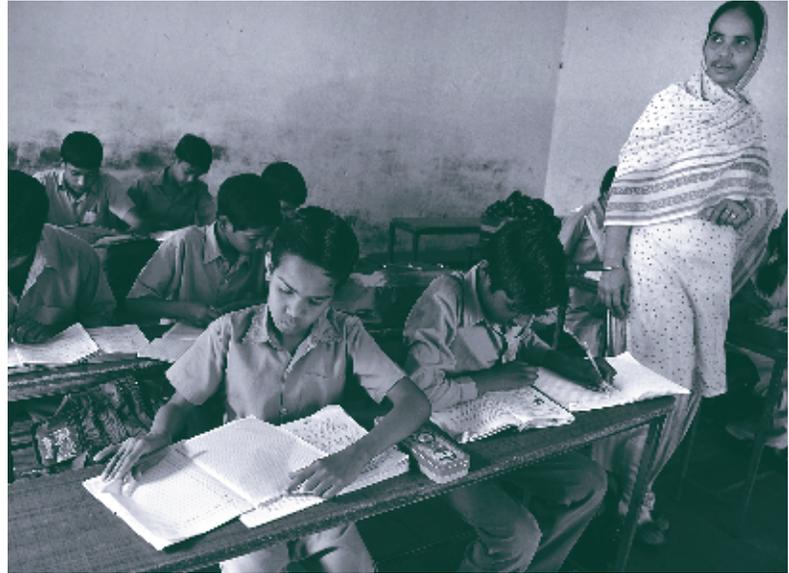
An important element of the initiative took place on June 18, 2009 when the House Hunger Caucus and Congressional Hunger Center hosted a photo exhibit at the U.S. Capitol Visitor's Center highlighting school feeding programs in Mali, India and Chile. **Representative James P. McGovern**, and **Representative John Boozman** both co-chairs of the caucus, spoke at the event. **Doug Norell** from Catholic Relief Services and **Dorothy Feustel** from USDA also gave remarks.

The photography exhibit was created to bring the voices of people who

implement or are impacted by school feeding programs to those who are making program and policy decisions. The photographs were taken along with in-depth interviews to ensure that the initiative draws from the perspectives of students, teachers, parents and caretakers, school administrators, community leaders, government leaders, implementers, and school feeding advocates. The traveling exhibit, which will show at various venues in Washington, D.C. and beyond, consists of three series of photographs, highlighting different aspects of school feeding programs in the three countries:

Series 1: Community Commitment to School Feeding in Mali

Series 2: Political Will and Public-Private Partnerships in Chile



In 2001 the Supreme Court of India mandated that the state and national governments provide a noon-time meal in all government and government-aided primary schools as part of the nation's commitment to the Right to Food

Series 3: Right to Food and Innovative Technology in India

By encouraging children to attend school, school feeding programs create opportunities for students,

their families and their communities. As the mother of two students receiving school lunch in Sana, Mali said: "If you want to sit in the shade of a tree tomorrow, you have to water it today." ●

Rachel Winch and Elizabeth Whelan in front of their International School Feeding Photography Exhibit.



2009 Victory Against Hunger Awards

The Congressional Hunger Center (CHC) and Victory Wholesale Group (VWG) are pleased to announce the 2009 Victory Against Hunger Awards. This year 25 unrestricted \$1,000 grants will be available to food banks throughout the U.S. that play an integral role in alleviating hunger in their communities. The Kantor family, owners of VWG and creators of the Victory Against Hunger Awards, chose this year's theme to highlight their

VWVG
Victory Wholesale Group

long-term commitment to supporting local food banks, and to draw attention to the important resource that food banks play for families across the country, especially in the current economic climate. CHC looks forward to partnering with Feeding America on the 2009 Victory Against Hunger Awards.

Mickey Leland Tribute Evening



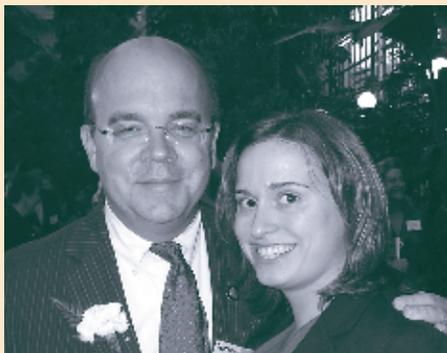
CHC Board Member, Daniel Kahn, Representative Jo Ann Emerson and CHC Staff Jon Wogman



Ambassador Tony Hall, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Kathleen Merrigan and Representative John Lewis



14th Class Emerson Alumni Amber Herman, Isha Plynton, Katherine Moos, and Lindsey Baker with 15th class Emerson Fellow Mark Stovell



Representative Jim McGovern and Emerson Fellow Eileen Hyde



Emerson Fellows Cristina Sepe, Renita Woolford, Ayanna Williams and Veronica Conti with CHC Deputy Director Margaret Zeigler, Patricia Johnson (center)



CHC Staff



Field site supervisor Jon Janowski of Milwaukee's Hunger Task Force and 12th Class Emerson alumna Karen Wong



Representative John Lewis (center) with Emerson Fellows Kelly Meredith, Cristina Sepe, Renita Woolford, Mickey Hubbard, and Veronica Conti and CHC staff Aileen Carr



Leland alumna Amanda Rives and former CHC staff John Kelly

CHC Welcomes New Leland Program Director and Leland Summer Intern

CHC is very pleased to have **Grace Jones** as its new Director of the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program. A Leland alumna from the 2nd class of Fellows (2003-2005), Grace began working as the Program Director in November 2008.

We also welcome **Dara Johnson** who is serving as the Mickey Leland Fellowship Program summer intern. Dara will be assisting with the pre-field training preparation and support for Fellows. After her internship, Dara will be studying in Argentina. ●

Grace Jones and Dara Johnson



CHC congratulates Al Franken, a founding board member of CHC, on his recent victory for the U.S. Senate seat from Minnesota. Al has been a longtime champion of hunger and poverty programs, and has competed on behalf of CHC in past years on *Celebrity Jeopardy*. Thanks for your service, Al, and a warm welcome to Washington, D.C.!

CHC Board Member Receives National Award

Marshall Matz, Founding Chairman of the Friends of the World Food Program, Partner at Olsson, Frank, Weeda, Terman, Bode, Matz PC, and founding CHC Board Member has been awarded the *2009 Gene White Lifetime Achievement*

Award for Child Nutrition by the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF) and the School Nutrition Association (SNA). The award, named for the extraordinary Ms. Gene White, honors national leaders who advocate for improved childhood

nutrition Past recipients include **Senators Bob Dole** and **George McGovern**, **Dr. Josephine Martin, Ms. Catherine Bertini** of the World Food Program and CHC's **Edward Cooney**. Congratulations, Marshall!



15th Class National Hunger Fellows Veronica Conti, Kelly Meredith, Mickey Hubbard, Christine Tran, Raquel Oriol, Eileen Hyde and Cristina Sepe with FRAC's Ellen Teller and CHC Board Member Marshall Matz.



- Representative Jo Ann Emerson
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- Representative James P. McGovern
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Member of Congress
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*Member of Congress (Retired)
Attorney at Law
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- Representative Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress
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