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## **FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER THROUGH FOOD BANK ANTI-HUNGER INITIATIVES**

Congressional Hunger Center and Victory Wholesale Group Offer Awards to 25 Food Banks for Innovative Anti-Hunger Initiatives.

Washington, DC – November 15, 2010 – The Congressional Hunger Center (CHC), Victory Wholesale Group of Springboro, Ohio, and Boca Raton, Florida and Feeding America announce the 2010 18th Annual “Victory Against Hunger Award” (VAH Awards) winners. \$1,000 grants have been awarded to 25 food banks and associations throughout the country that demonstrate innovative anti-hunger initiatives assisting families and children in their communities. This year’s awards program brings the total of unrestricted grants generously provided by Victory Wholesale Group to local groups to \$350,000 since the award’s inception in 1994.

### **Congratulations to the following awardees:**

**Association of Arizona Food Banks** Phoenix, AZ  
**Bread of the Mighty Food Bank** Gainesville, FL  
**Capital Area Food Bank** Washington, DC  
**Capital Area Food Bank of Texas** Austin, TX  
**Community Food Bank, Inc** Tucson, AZ  
**Community Food Share** Longmont, CO  
**East Texas Food Bank** Tyler, TX  
**Feeding America San Diego** San Diego, CA  
**Food Bank of Delaware** Newark, DE  
**Foodbank of Santa Barbara County** Santa Barbara, CA  
**Food Bank of South Jersey** Pennsauken, NJ  
**Greater Chicago Food Depository** Chicago, IL  
**Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank** Duquesne, PA  
**Harvest Hope Food Bank** Columbia, SC

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**Harvesters Community Food Network** Kansas City, MO  
**Long Island Cares** Hauppauge, NY  
**Los Angeles Food Bank** Los Angeles, CA  
**Northern Illinois Food Bank** St. Charles, IL  
**Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks** Columbus, OH  
**Oregon Food Bank** Portland, OR  
**San Antonio Food Bank** San Antonio, TX  
**Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida** Orlando, FL  
**Second Harvest Food Bank Greater New Orleans and Acadiana** New Orleans, LA  
**Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz** Watsonville, CA  
**Vermont Foodbank** South Barre, VT

This year's theme showcases the activities of local and state affiliates of Feeding America and allied food banks. This year's panel, Karrie Denniston and Lindsay Baker of Feeding America and Edward Cooney and Lauren Flax of Congressional Hunger Center, chose awardees based on their success in achieving the goal of fighting child hunger through creative outreach targeted to increasing participation in federal child nutrition programs and/or creating innovative anti-hunger initiatives in their community or state. Examples of creative outreach include use of TV, radio or print media and events focused on raising awareness of program availability, or creation of promotional materials.

VAH awards were established by David Kantor, President of Victory Wholesale Group, to recognize outstanding organizations in the United States that work to end hunger and improve nutrition and health at the local level. Fifteen years ago Kantor teamed up with CHC founder, Rep. Tony Hall, because each believed strongly in the value of keeping members of Congress involved in solving the problem of hunger. Today CHC's board co-chairs, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson and Rep. James P. McGovern, carry on this noble tradition.

Founded in 1979, Victory Wholesale Group is a wholesale distributor of dry groceries and health and beauty care products. Victory is a national company employing hundreds of people across the country that distributes to wholesalers and retailers across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Established in 1993, CHC's mission is to train and inspire leaders who work to end hunger and advocate public policies that create a food secure world. CHC's staff and fellows are committed to fulfilling the goal of the former House Select Committee on Hunger, "to find real solutions to hunger and poverty." CHC administers the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program.

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