



**FINDING ANSWERS
FOR HUNGER
AND POVERTY**

Brief Background on WhyHunger

WhyHunger is a leading advocate for innovative, community-based solutions to hunger and poverty. WhyHunger challenges society to confront these problems by advancing models that create self-reliance, economic justice, and equal access to nutritious and affordable food.

The Facts

49 Million Americans, including 17 million children are hungry

Annually, 25 million Americans rely on soup kitchens, food pantries, and food banks for food for themselves and their families. That includes 9 million children and 3 million seniors.

1.02 billion people in the world are hungry.

WhyHunger is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit that envisions a world without hunger and poverty. We believe solutions to hunger and poverty can be found on the grassroots level through programs and policies that promote self-reliance, economic justice, and community food security. WhyHunger is helping thousands of America's hungry connect to food, shelter, and social services in their neighborhoods by providing immediate assistance via our National Hunger Hotline (1-866-3-HUNGRY), and supporting the work of more than 8,750 community-based organizations that are helping millions of poor and hungry Americans move out of poverty, more specifically helping them tap into their own power to be self-reliant through job training, home building, life skills, urban farming, after school programs, affordable housing, entrepreneurial businesses, and much more. Our online Food Security Learning Center is a hub of information and action on the good food movement including farmworker programs, community supported agriculture, transforming the emergency food system, farm to cafeteria, family farms, rural poverty, farmers' markets, community gardens, and more. WhyHunger is a certified NGO working internationally at the United Nations to promote effective programs and policies that help the world's hungry and poor through micro lending, sustainable farming, and access to clean water.

Our Artists Against Hunger & Poverty program works with performers to raise awareness and funds for grassroots organizations in the United States and around the world. We have built and activated a roster of artists including Bruce Springsteen, Michael McDonald, Joss Stone, Carlos Santana, DMC, Aerosmith, Lupe Fiasco, Jackson Browne, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Chicago, Earth, Wind & Fire, O.A.R., Elvis Costello, Papa Roach, moe., and corporations like Hard Rock International to fight hunger and poverty. Supporting Hungerthon radio stations are: WCBS880AM, 1010 WINS, WPLJ, WFAN, Mix 102.7, Q104.3, 92.3NOW & Sirius Satellite Radio.

WhyHunger sees itself as a bridge connecting the traditional anti-hunger movement and the community food security movement. We work to transform the charitable model of emergency food distribution by incorporating a long-term vision that implements solutions and practices of community food security into the work of anti-hunger organizations. To achieve that vision, we encourage communication between organizations, connections with funding and the media, and grassroots activism on issues affecting the food system. In addition to individual donors, corporations, family foundations, and artists, WhyHunger receives federal funding from USDA in the form of a grant from Cooperative State Research Education and Extension, and a contract from the Food and Nutrition Service.

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