Partnering with WhyHunger was a pivotal moment for us as a small, often unconventional, hunger relief organization in the Midwest. WhyHunger connects us with like-minded, innovative organizations across the country, challenges us to be critical of our role in the emergency food system, and inspires us to continuously improve.”

– Amanda Nickey, President & Chief Executive Officer, Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard
MESSAGE
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

With one year as the executive director under my belt, I feel honored and excited to be working with our staff, board, grassroots partners and you to lead such an incredible organization. Harry Chapin and Bill Ayres started WhyHunger in 1975 to move beyond food charity and address the social justice issues at the core of hunger. We remain true to that mission today. We stand in solidarity with our community-based partners all around the globe and listen to their wisdom to inform our work. Together we move our strategy forward to tackle the root causes of hunger by building a strong movement rooted in grassroots innovations, social justice and the right to nutritious food for all. What we know for certain is that charity alone will not end hunger; working for social justice will.

Food pantries and soup kitchens across our country are dedicated to the necessary task of feeding hungry people, but giving out food only solves hunger today. This model of charitable food distribution cannot address the problems that trap millions of people in a cycle of food insecurity and poverty. We need passion, strategic-thinking, community-led solutions, effective policies and unified power emanating from the grassroots to tackle these issues. We need a movement.

At WhyHunger we feel a fierce sense of urgency around the immediate needs of those who are experiencing hunger today, while staying focused on the strategies that will solve hunger over the long-term. Over the years, we’ve connected millions of hungry people to healthy food and we have invested millions of dollars in grassroots organizations that are training, empowering and nourishing their communities. We won’t stop there. We are working to change the systems and structures that perpetuate hunger and poverty. We are fueling innovation on the community, regional, national and global level at the intersections of hunger and health, race, the economy and the environment. Through WhyHunger’s work, the impact of your dollar and the contribution of your voice is amplified multiple times beyond a single meal. Your support helps us to not only increase access to nutritious food, but ultimately create a more just world.

As you will see in our 2015 accomplishments outlined in this report, there is much to be proud of in both our domestic and global work. You’ve helped make this work possible and we are deeply grateful for your support. We will continue to invest in grassroots solutions and social movements that are changing the world, and know that with your help and partnership, the sky is the limit.

We believe that nutritious food is a human right and hunger is a solvable problem.

Noreen Springstead
Executive Director
I may not have any money but I am a wealthy woman because of my ties to AFEDES. I don’t have a lot of income, but I have a community and my children are going to school. My children are behind me and supporting me. My children know that I have skills, knowledge and value. Because my children know that I have value, they come to recognize their own value and their own power.”

– Doña Sofía, AFEDES
WhyHunger is not just another organization with a mission statement tucked away on its website. We are on a mission. Together, we are building a world where everyone has the right to nutritious food. WhyHunger is a leader in building the movement to end hunger and poverty by connecting people to nutritious, affordable food and by supporting grassroots solutions that inspire self-reliance and community empowerment.

Our MISSION

It’s not about charity, it’s about justice.
About WhyHunger

Founded in 1975 by the late Harry Chapin and Radio DJ Bill Ayres, WhyHunger works to support, resource and build the capacity of community organizations and social movements that are changing the systems, policies and institutions that perpetuate hunger and poverty in our world. Together we are transforming our collective food system into one that is socially and economically just, nourishes whole communities, cools the planet and ensures the rights of all people to food, land, water and sustainable livelihoods.

WhyHunger provides capacity building services, technical support and access to information and financial resources to community organizations implementing new ideas and developing groundbreaking projects to transform their communities. We build networks of grassroots organizations that share a vision of healthy, sustainable and self-reliant communities leading to greater mobilization and stronger advocacy to end poverty and hunger.

Our Theory of Change in Practice

Solutions begin with income equity, living wage jobs and the right to food for all.

How We Work

Our theory of change lifts up the strategic importance of broad-based social movements for achieving and sustaining our mission and vision. WhyHunger’s programs are in service to supporting and building grassroots-led movements that will end hunger and poverty and build a new society that ensures the rights of all people to food, land, water and sustainable livelihoods.
Core Programs

The **Nourish Network for the Right to Food** works with emergency food providers, food access organizations, community health organizations and other grassroots and national allies to transform the charitable response to hunger in the U.S. into a more equitable and inclusive social justice movement that recognizes nutritious food as a human right.

The **Grassroots Action Network** works in partnership with community-based leaders, organizations and networks to build a movement for a just and equitable food system in the U.S. By supporting and promoting grassroots leadership, WhyHunger works to build capacity for community organizing and to accelerate the collective impact of community-based strategies for food justice.

The **Global Movements Program** supports and partners with social movements and networks to build international solidarity and advance the goals of food sovereignty and the basic rights to food, land, water and sustainable livelihoods for all people.

The **WhyHunger Hotline and Find Food Database** refer people in need across the U.S. to food pantries, soup kitchens, summer meals sites, government nutrition programs and model grassroots organizations, with an emphasis on food access sites that provide fresh food and nutrition education. Call 1-800-5HUNGRY, Text your zip code to 1800-548-6479 or visit whyhunger.org/FindFood to locate a local emergency food provider and other support services.

The **Artists Against Hunger & Poverty** offers artists, the artist community and the music industry the opportunity to use their voices to support the movement to end hunger and poverty. Through members like Bruce Springsteen, Tom Morello, Michael McDonald, Chicago, Darryl “DMC” McDaniels, Brandi Carlile and more, over $13 million has been raised to support innovative and effective community-based organizations fighting hunger and ensuring the right to nutritious food for all.
Strategic Goals

Movement Building
WhyHunger builds and strengthens grassroots-led movements for food justice and food sovereignty worldwide.

Social Justice
WhyHunger fosters social justice by addressing the root causes of hunger and the deep inequities of poverty at the intersection of economic inequality, racism, health and the environment.

Human Rights
WhyHunger works to protect and advance the right to nutritious food for all.
Accomplishments:

WhyHunger is building Communities of Practice with grassroots leaders and organizations across the U.S. as the first steps in developing and supporting the coalitions, alliances and networks that are needed to strengthen and build an intersectional movement for food justice.

In 2015, a total of 104 grassroots partners benefited from WhyHunger directly sharing resources and granting funds for specific projects and travel in the amount of $293,748.

WhyHunger became the fiscal and administrative steward for a national alliance of food access organizations, titled Closing the Hunger Gap. As a key part of the Leadership Team, we helped to plan and facilitate a national conference with more than 500 participating organizations representing 41 different states and Canada. The conference and the organizing efforts call for a strategic shift from charity to justice in our collective approach to ending hunger.

Our 2015 Hunger and Health Gathering launched a new community of practice among eight food access organizations working along the intersections of hunger, food insecurity and health in the NJ and NY region. Leaders met face-to-face to build relationships and learn together in a two day workshop, leading to WhyHunger conference scholarships to engage on a national level.

WhyHunger is developing the most comprehensive database of food access organizations in the U.S., placing an emphasis on those that provide nutritious food. Currently with 18,455 organizations and growing, we are utilizing whyhunger.org/findfood, a new texting service and our WhyHunger Hotline 1-800-5HUNGRY to assist over 220,400 individuals annually to access healthy food in their communities.

In 2015, we made tremendous strides in developing a community of practice around Black leadership in food justice. Emerging from this community of practice was The National Black Food and Justice Alliance, a growing independent coalition of Black leaders and Black-led organizations working towards advancing Black leadership, building self-determination, institution building and organizing for food sovereignty, land and justice.

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Artists in Action

Tapping into the power of music to raise funds, increase awareness and create change, WhyHunger’s Artists Against Hunger & Poverty program connects artists, fans and the music community to collectively fight for an end to hunger and poverty. Here are some highlights:

“Imagine There’s No Hunger”
In December of 2015, The Jerry Garcia Foundation and Hard Rock Cafe San Francisco teamed up to present a Holiday Benefit Concert for our annual “Imagine There’s No Hunger” campaign. This amazing event featured guest appearances by The Grateful Dead’s Bob Weir, numerous other talented musicians, renowned artist Stanley Mouse who created an exclusive poster for the event, and counterculture icon Wavy Gravy who served as emcee for the night.

“Artists Against Hunger & Poverty Ambassador: Emily Kinney”
Singer/songwriter and The Walking Dead actress Emily Kinney joined WhyHunger as an Ambassador during our 2015 Hungerthon campaign. In her official role she visited our partner, Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger (BSCAH) where she toured their urban garden, met youth volunteers and visited their choice pantry. While on the visit, Emily took over Nylon magazine’s SnapChat for the day posting photos and videos of her experience. Emily also shared her experiences on SiriusXM as part of Hungerthon and performed the title track from her debut album, “This Is War.”

“Imagine There’s No Hunger”

When human needs for sustenance and nourishment are met, we move toward a more peaceful planet. [We] support artistic, environmental, and humanitarian causes, and working with Hard Rock Cafe San Francisco on IMAGINE THERE’S NO HUNGER makes perfect sense for us.”

– Manasha Garcia, The Jerry Garcia Foundation
40th Anniversary
Born To Run poster

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Bruce Springsteen’s “Born to Run” album and the 40th anniversary of WhyHunger, photographer Eric Meola partnered with WhyHunger and Backstreets.com to produce 1,975 limited edition posters of the iconic 1975 album artwork to support WhyHunger. The poster was sold online during Hungerthon and has raised $88,000 to date. Bruce also generously signed a few copies.

WhyHunger Chapin Awards Gala Honorees

The 40th Anniversary WhyHunger Chapin Awards Gala was a night of philanthropic success! Honorees included Co-founder and Ambassador Bill Ayres receiving the WhyHunger Lifetime Achievement Award, legendary singer/songwriter Felix Cavaliere of The Rascals receiving the ASCAP Harry Chapin Legacy Award, and multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Grace Potter receiving the ASCAP Harry Chapin Vanguard Award. The gala closed with an electrifying rendition of Harry Chapin’s ‘All My Life’s a Circle’ with honorees, guests and performers passionately proclaiming that hunger does not retire – and that the story is not over.

Over a 6-month period WhyHunger served as a lead partner in the Dispatch: Hunger campaign, providing content and messaging that was shared over multiple channels to raise awareness about hunger in the U.S. and inspire fans to take action.

The campaign culminated with the release of a new Dispatch song, “Bound by Love,” and a sold-out concert at Madison Square Garden to benefit their charity partners.

As part of the campaign, WhyHunger helped secure a $5,000 donation to support the growth of a grassroots partner’s new urban farm.
Maximizing Impact:

Through our International Solidarity Fund, WhyHunger invests in strengthening existing and emergent social movements for food justice and food sovereignty. By directly supporting social movements in 20 countries in 2015, an estimated 20,229 people participated in activities like agroecological training, leadership development for women and youth and capacity building projects.

WhyHunger’s strategy is focused on fueling innovative, grassroots-led agroecological projects in communities that are directly connected to national, regional and global networks and social movements. This approach directly benefits families and communities around the globe while strengthening links to social movements to help create the conditions to disseminate successful agroecological practices to other communities at national, regional and international levels.

Imagine There’s No Hunger:

With the support of Yoko Ono Lennon and Hard Rock International, WhyHunger’s global Imagine There’s No Hunger campaign tapped supporters around the world to raise funds to support our international solidarity work. Over the last 8 years, Imagine has helped fuel WhyHunger’s work with 48 grassroots organizations helping communities grow enough food to provide over 9.8 million meals to children in 31 countries. In 2015, with the support of the campaign, over 37,460 children were fed, educated and supported through grassroots efforts.

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Spotlight:

World March of Women – Mozambique

WhyHunger helped support the World March of Women, a global social movement of urban and rural women from 60 countries that represents an estimated 200 million women worldwide, in training new national leaders in Mozambique and across Africa as part of the 2014 leadership transition. 600 women were able to participate in workshops related to food, agriculture and the technical support needed to produce enough food to feed their families and sell in the local markets. These critical trainings helped address the women’s immediate needs and allowed them to engage in the international process that will help bring about more sustainable solutions.

We need more allies like WhyHunger to help us to build strong social movements. Only through social movements and international solidarity, will we be able to win.”

– Graça Samo, International Coordinator of the World March of Women
**SPOTLIGHT:**

**The National Federation of Farmers and Cattle (FENSUAGRO)**  
– Colombia

WhyHunger provided initial funds to rehabilitate the Raul Valbuena Training Center to serve as a space for agroecology classes to peasant families in Colombia. The center is located on 40 acres and has the capacity to accommodate 80 people. Members of FENSUAGRO, responsible for the maintenance of the center, grow coffee, vegetables and seedlings and raise small animals in designated areas of the Training Center. FENSUAGRO’s long-term vision is to make the Training Center one of the Latin American Institutes of Agroecology (IALAs), a network of agroecology schools maintained by La Via Campesina members in Latin America and the Caribbean region.

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**SPOTLIGHT:**

**The Landless Workers Movement (MST)**  
– Brazil

The Landless Workers Movement is the largest peasant movement in Latin America with 1.5 million members. Through a small grant, WhyHunger supported a meeting of MST members who are responsible for the technical support on food production in 22 Brazilian states. For years, MST tried to raise funds so state coordinators could meet to share information and design a strategy to raise funds and disseminate agroecology across Brazilian. This timely grant to MST will produce a lasting impact in the work of 350,000 families who are directly responsible for the production of healthy foods to millions of other families nationwide.

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**SPOTLIGHT:**

**Farmworker Association of Florida (FWAF)**  
– United States

WhyHunger supported the first Campesino-a-Campesino Agroecology Encounter representing a watershed in the organizing work around agroecology in the U.S. Led by and for farmworkers, the event brought together farmworkers from four different US states – Florida, New Jersey, Washington and Texas. This event offered trainings on agroecological methods and time to reflect about the different aspects of food production and community building. There were 55 participants in total at the event and among them 14 representatives of ally organizations from the US and abroad.

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**What is Agroecology?**

Agroecology is a series of ecological principles and values, the revalorization of local/traditional/indigenous knowledge, bringing dignity and vibrant livelihoods back to rural life and food systems labor, and a clear alternative to the industrial model of agriculture. Agroecology is a political and social methodology and process, as much as it is an ecological alternative to Agribusiness.”

– Blain Snipstal, a returning generation farmer with the Black Dirt Farm Collective in Maryland

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“This meeting was important to advance our goals of a new model of food production in the countryside, that is in harmony with the environment; one that respects men and women and keeps them on the land. [This model of production] will make the countryside a healthy place, full of life and full of people. Even though it is clear that we have made progress with our agroecological practices, we still have a lot to accomplish if we want to create structural changes in the way rural families are producing our food.”

– Ana Paula Botelho, MST’s national coordinator for food production

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“It is fitting and necessary that here, in the home of the green revolution, the engine of the industrial model of agriculture, we have gathered agrarian social forces from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Puerto Rico to share, debate and to articulate a different way forward that includes agroecology and food sovereignty at the center.”

– Farmworker Association of Florida
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whYP (WhyHunger's Young Professionals Group)
La Finca Del Sur, New York
To add further clarity to our accounting and reporting systems, we changed our fiscal year end from March 31 to December 31 to correspond with the calendar year. The results that are reflected here are for the *nine months beginning April 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. Even though this is a short year, WhyHunger is proud that we continue to demonstrate responsible fiscal management, concomitant with the strong impact of our programs and our dedication to our mission.

Our work is at the center of all we do, as reflected in another strong fiscal year where we again ensured that over 87% of expenses were used for programmatic activities that directly fulfill our mission. Finally, during 2015, we received a permanently restricted endowment contribution, which we hope will be the first of many that will build resiliency to sustain WhyHunger for the future.

For a complete copy of our audited financial statement, visit whyhunger.org.

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87% of all expenditures go to programmatic activities that directly fulfill our mission.
## Statement of Financial Position

### December 31, 2015

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— Scott Herman, Chief Operating Officer CBS Radio
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Executive Director

Bill Ayres
Ambassador & Co-Founder

Alison Meares Cohen
Senior Director of Programs

Joy Curtin
Senior Director of Finance & Administration

Debbie Grunbaum
Senior Director of Communications
WhyHunger is building a movement from the grassroots to create a world that is healthier, more sustainable, more equitable, and – above all, free from hunger. The most essential ingredient of any movement is people. Whether you’ve planted, partnered, marched, volunteered, advocated, or given, you matter to us and to this movement. We simply cannot thank you enough for your vital role in this work. Here’s a snapshot of what you brought to WhyHunger in 2015.

1,950 of you gave to this year’s Hungerthon, helping us raise a record-breaking $850,000!

We saw a 35% jump in recurring donors and our monthly giving circle is now fueled by 136 sustained givers, bringing in $28,000 in new annual income!

Every gift matters! Your average gift in 2015 was $132.50 and 46% of your donations were less than $50 – and we are grateful for every single cent!

Thank You!

You Inspired Us with your Passion and Commitment

We conducted our first donor survey, and we loved reading your responses and pondering your questions. When we asked “What inspires you to give to WhyHunger?” Here are some of the things you said:

“I started giving because of the radio marathons during Thanksgiving but keep giving because there are still hungry people.”

“I am appalled that people can go hungry in this country. I will continue to help in whatever way I can to change that reality.”

“I’m inspired by] Harry Chapin’s sincerity and recognition that just handing out food to people will not resolve the nation’s hunger problems.”

You Asked, We Answered

If you had five minutes with our Executive Director, Noreen Springstead, what would you ask her or say to her?

How can I help on a local basis?

Our Find Food database is the most comprehensive of its kind with over 20,000 food access organizations all over the country and growing. Over the years, millions of hungry people have used this database through call, text, or online search to find food in their neighborhoods. But you can use it to find organizations in your community where you can volunteer! Just visit: whyhunger.org/findfood, text your zip code to 1-800-548-6479, or call 1-800-SHUNGRY to find somewhere to get involved!

Why should I donate to WhyHunger and not give directly to the worthy organizations that WhyHunger supports?

But giving to single organizations often only strengthens single communities. Giving to WhyHunger means that some of your money will go directly to community organizations on the frontlines in the fight against hunger, but some of your money will also support the bigger picture—building alliances between grassroots organizations, shifting the national narrative about hunger and how to end it, training and developing grassroots leaders, advocating for policy changes. The struggle to end hunger has many facets and it requires many different organizations working together and doing what they do best. If you can support specific community efforts and the broader social change work, then we can all be more effective in achieving our common goal of a world free from hunger!

Have more to share or more questions to ask? Let us know! Email development@whyhunger.org
“We completely changed food in the soup kitchen—we got rid of all processed food, we started buying whole foods... We changed everything.”

— Chef Pearl Thompson
Elijah’s Promise, New Jersey