

# SUMMIT TO END HUNGER AGENDA 2019

## Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:55 am — 10:30 am : Opening Keynotes

### **A Letter From U.S. Senator Marco Rubio**

Taylor Sanchez, *U.S. Senator Marco Rubio's Gulf Coast Regional Office*

### **Solving America's Hunger Crisis**

Keynote Speaker: Jeremy Everett, *Texas Hunger Initiative*

With more than 40 million Americans experiencing hunger and poverty, we are a nation in crisis. How can our country stand idly by while our neighbors go hungry? How can the Church? In this time of spiritual and political unrest there seems to be a collective intuition that working together to solve our country's and our world's greatest woes is a better path forward than the mean spiritedness and vitriol we see from our politicians, preachers, political commentators, and endless amounts of social media posts. Author of *I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis*, Jeremy K. Everett, believes most of us want children to have ample access to food and adults to be able to find work that can sustain a family—and that most of us feel that the processes towards these ends do not have to pit us against each other. Everett will discuss our collective calling to the hungry and evidence informed ways we can all participate in ending hunger and poverty together from the grassroots level all the way to the halls of power in Washington, D.C. After all, the only way we move forward as a nation is if we do so together.

## **Solving Hunger and Food Waste in India**

Keynote Speaker: Akrit Kawatra, *Feeding India*

### 10:40 am — 12:15 pm : Breakout Sessions

#### **“Are you an Anti-Hunger Advocate?”**

Moderator: Arianne Corbett, *Leading Health*

Speakers: Ellen Vollinger, *FRAC*; Marlysa Gamblin, *Bread for the World*

Unlock the power of policy and advocacy to support the Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger vision to build a hunger-free community with access to nutritious food for all. Participants will explore state and Federal policies that impact hunger and poverty in our community and identify strategies to advocate for change. Get ready to roll up your sleeves, collaborate with colleagues and create an advocacy action plan that will inform and engage elected officials as we work together to create a hunger-free Tampa Bay.

#### **The Happy Fridge**

Presenters: Srishti Jain and Ankit Kawatra, *Feeding India*

The Happy Fridge is a community fridge installed by responsible groups of people to donate nutritious food to the needy. Residents, citizens with excess food can put it in this fridge, and people who need food can take it from the fridge. Happy Fridges are installed in residential complexes, markets, RWAs, etc. and are able to serve 1,500 – 2,000 meals a month. This is a smart solution to ensure that no one in the community ever sleeps hungry and there is no food waste thrown on the road.

## **Racial Equity Institute: The Groundwater Treatment (Part 1)**

Presenters: Monica F. Walker and Reiney Lin, *Racial Equity Institute*

Why is race still a key determinant of education, health, employment, and interaction with public safety and legal systems? Could it be in the groundwater? This lively research-based presentation will help participants better understand how our systems in America are racially structured to produce the persistent inequities that we see. Join us as we learn how to take a “groundwater approach” to working for equity and racial justice.

## **Hunger and Lived Experiences**

Moderator: Jane Walker, *Daystar Life Center*; Speakers: Tamara Hernandez, *Daystar Life Center*; Freddie and Lorraine Stokes

What does and doesn't work in fighting hunger, from the perspective of those who have lived it.

### **“Using a Collective Impact Model to Combat Hunger and Food Insecurity”**

Presenter: Thamara Labrousse, *Live Healthy Miami Gardens*; Sam Hopwood, *Florida Impact to End Hunger*

In 2014, the City of Miami Gardens started Live Healthy Miami Gardens as a Collective Impact Initiative to help improve health conditions among its predominately African-American population. The collaborative is now in its 6th year, having moved beyond initial planning into coordinated efforts among more than 110 partners representing 11 cross sectors. Florida Impact to End Hunger also started a collective impact model with their Healthy Corner Stores project, with the intention of bringing better access to nutritious foods to residents throughout the city. This panel will cover lessons learned from both projects, including: Clarifying the roles and leadership characteristics of the backbone organization; incorporating equity in your collective impact work; fostering community collaboration and co-ownership in your initiative;

building collaboration with funders, partners, and stakeholders; sustaining momentum for collective impact initiatives over the long-term; and using data to learn and improve your work, ultimately contributing to greater community impact.

## 12:30 pm — 2:00 pm : Lunch Keynote

### **Keynote Introduction**

Florence French Fagan, *Bread for the World*

### **Ending Hunger, Beginning to Live**

Keynote Speaker: April Kelly-Drummond, *Denny's Inc.*

Critical to ending hunger is seeing the children, each one and every one, for their potential, for their pain, and for the opportunity to make a difference in their lives. This is not about food, for we have plenty. This is not about politics, all parties agree. This is about seeing the needs and the will to solve. Learn more about how the end of hunger is the beginning of a whole new life for our children.”

## 2:05 pm — 3:35 pm : Breakout Sessions

### **Racial Equity: Discussing How to Effectively Apply This Lens to Policies to End Hunger”**

Presenter: Marlysa Gamblin, *Bread for the World*

To end hunger in the U.S. by 2030, our policies have to center communities who are most affected by hunger. Within the United States, communities of color, especially African American, Indigenous, Latino and Native Hawaiian communities have traditionally had the highest rates of food insecurity, in large part to structural racism. Upon understanding structural racism, many people ask “what’s next” and “what can I do?” The answer to these questions is racial equity. Applying a racial equity lens to the policies we design, pass and eventually implement puts the needs of communities of color at the center, and accounts for the historical trauma that many communities have, and continue to, face. In other words, racial equity empowers us to think about creative, effective and culturally appropriate ways to provide targeted support that each community needs to fight hunger. Come learn how to apply a racial equity lens to key federal programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). When food insecurity is reduced among communities of color, then the U.S. has a fighting chance at truly ending hunger by 2030.

### **Healthcare Fallout from Food Insecurity: A need for healthy, accessible and affordable options**

Presenter: Jenneffer Pulapaka, *DeLand Foot and Leg Center*

Health ramifications of food insecurities and the need for improved patient-physician dynamics

### **Innovations in Addressing Senior Hunger**

Seniors are the fastest growing segment of the population in the United States and, as a result, the issue of senior hunger is also one of our fastest growing concerns. It’s an issue all of us can relate to as we all have parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents who are aging. We simply must respond to this growing need to care for those who have spent their lifetimes building this country and caring for us. Plain and simple – it’s the right thing to do.

Moderator: Steve King, *Meals On Wheels of Tampa*

Speakers: Jason Martino, *Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas*

### **Racial Equity Institute: The Groundwater Treatment (Part 2)**

Presenters: Monica F. Walker and Reiney Lin, *Racial Equity Institute*

PART 2: Why is race still a key determinant of education, health, employment, and interaction with public safety and legal systems? Could it be in the groundwater? This lively research-based presentation will help participants better understand how our systems in America are racially structured to produce the persistent inequities that we see. Join us as we learn how to take a “groundwater approach” to working for equity and racial justice. \*Attendees must attend both parts 1 and 2 of this program.

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

**8:55 am — 10:30 am : Opening Keynotes**

#### **One State’s Approach to Nutrition Solutions in Schools**

*Jennifer Webb, Florida State House of Representatives*

Innovation in technology, better resource management, and improved practices will all play a role in reducing hunger in the future. We also need real world solutions here and now. Even small shifts in policy can positively impact our most vulnerable populations: our children. Learn how one Florida Representative is working to improve child nutrition.

#### **Using Technology for Good**

*Srishti Jain, Feeding India*

## 10:40 am — 12:15 pm : Breakout Sessions

### **At the Bottom of the Food Chain: Experiences of Food Insecurity among African-American teens in Tallahassee, FL**

Presenter: Dalila D'Ingeo, Ph.D., *University of Florida*

This panel presents the results of research that investigates food insecurity as experienced by African American adolescents in low-income, segregated neighborhoods of Tallahassee, Florida. It examines how food habits are formed in contexts that are highly impacted by poverty and discrimination, and how they are influenced by social networks and social capital. It also studies community gardens as potential interventions to expand adolescents' food options and social capital, considering both their benefits and limitations. Finally, it examines the goals and roles of community gardens in different Tallahassee neighborhoods, comparing their characteristics and purposes from the perspective of adolescent and adult participants in different local communities.

### **Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Cooking Demo**

Presenter: Albert Tash, *Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa*

What meals can you make with the most commonly stocked items at food pantries that seem like they could never come together to create a meal? Join Executive Chef Albert Tash as he demonstrates delicious and nutritious dishes that can be made using these foods.

### **Jobs Listening Session**

Moderator: Florence French Fagan, *Bread for the World*

As Bread for the World works to build a public facing advocacy campaign around jobs, we are talking to partner organizations, these conversations will help us gain valuable insights—a better understanding of the policy landscape, clarity around opportunities and challenges and

guidance on messaging to different audiences. These conversations will also help us build our network for future engagement and mobilization on jobs related policy issues. Our listening is an opportunity to engage those we are meeting with and to learn from and better understand each other.

### **“Food Hubs: Using Urban Agriculture to Improve Food Insecurity”**

Moderator: Sean Baraoidan, *REAL Building Consultants*

Speaker: David Whitwam, *Whitwam Organics*; Monica Petrella, *Hillsborough County*

Urban farms and community gardens can play essential roles in supplying fresh, healthy produce to residents living within food deserts. Come hear how these panelists are creating a network of community gardens within areas of Tampa that have low food security and low car ownership rates. Their goal is to ultimately create a local food movement and create “Food Hubs” within the City where fresh produce is grown, the community is educated, and community gardens can send their excess produce to be sold. These Food Hubs would improve the health, sustainability, social well-being, and economic vitality of our communities.

### **How Community Composting Can Build a More Resilient Community**

Presenter: Amanda Streets, *Pinellas Community Composting Alliance*

Part of fighting food insecurity includes reducing food waste. Come hear how community composting re-purposes food waste into compost to grow more food. Friends and neighbors bring food scraps and yard waste to a community compost drop off station, helping to build relationships around regenerative lifestyle choices and an increased awareness of the cycle of our food system. People drop off their food waste, take turns managing the compost pile, and share the finished compost and resulting fresh produce with their community.



12:30 pm — 2:00 pm : Lunch Keynote

**Introduction**

Trudi Novicki, *Florida Impact to End Hunger*

**Achieving a “Right to Food” in the U.S.**

Dr. Craig Gunderson, *University of Illinois-Urbana*

There is not a legislatively stipulated “right to food” in the United States but there is an extensive food assistance safety net that guarantees at least some conception of a “right to food” for all Americans, namely being free from food insecurity. In this presentation, I begin with by covering the measurement and determinants of food insecurity. I then turn to the largest food assistance program in the United States, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and its essential role in alleviating food insecurity and that it does so in ways that are consistent with at least some definitions of what constitutes a “right to food”.

**2:05 pm — 3:35 pm : Breakout Sessions**

**The Border in Our Backyard, and the Public Charge Mandate**

Moderator: Jennie Economos, *Farmworkers Association of Florida*

Speaker: Margarita Romo, *Farmworkers Self-Help*

This session will look at the background and brief history of farmworkers. What are the current anti-immigrant sentiment and policies affecting farmworkers? What is the potential and suspected impact of the Public Charge rule and how this affects hunger, health, and how lack of income affects access to health care and leads to negative health outcomes? What are some solutions and how can people help?

### **Understanding food access and grocery store environment in under-served neighborhoods in Tampa**

Moderator: Heewon Gray, *University of South Florida*

Speakers: Sharonda Lovett and Jessica Berumen, *USF College of Public Health*; Cassandra Hector, *Cornerstone Family Ministries – Children’s Nutrition Connection*

This panel will report on the findings of a study undertaken to better understand food access and residents’ grocery shopping patterns in under-served neighborhoods in East Tampa. Community residents recognized the lack of access to fresh produce and high price of food, and transportation/long distance to the major stores were barriers to healthy food access. Most community residents travel significant distances to do their regular grocery shopping. The study suggests that a new grocery store in East Tampa is necessary, along with further efforts to improve quality, variety, and price of foods in existing stores.

### **Social Enterprise**

Moderator: Eleanor Saunders, *ECHO*

Speaker: Jon Dengler, *The Well Incorporated*

Funders are prioritizing non-profits that show financial sustainability through social enterprise. What does this mean, and how do you get started? Come find out what goes into

launching, sustaining, and growing a revenue-producing enterprise to maximize your funding probability, from two masters of the craft.

### **Trauma and Compassion Fatigue: Caring for the Caregiver**

This interactive workshop will introduce the concepts of trauma informed care, compassion fatigue and burnout. We will learn about how trauma impacts us all as we serve and develop skills and tools to promote self-care.

Presenter: Jamie Meyer, *Metropolitan Ministries*

### **Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation**

Presenter: Florence French Fagan, *Bread for the World*

This simulation is an interactive tool that helps people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth. It is a good first step for people unaware of structural inequality, a support tool for those who want a deeper understanding of structural inequality, and a source of information for experts who want to know the quantifiable economic impact of each policy that has widened today's racial hunger, income, and wealth divides.