WHY WE MUST ACT

We know you may be weary of hearing tragic stories about families struggling with hunger. But take a moment to consider the exhausting effort required of the 50 million Americans who are in a daily struggle to put food on the table. They cannot give up; therefore we must not give up.

We appreciate your dedication to helping MAZON in the fight to end hunger. We have accomplished much because of your enduring support. But it is clear our work is far from finished, and our current economic climate renews the urgency of our work.

The time to act is now. The latest fight about the debt ceiling may be over, but soon our nation’s leaders will be debating budgets and appropriations, the outcome of which could threaten the health and security of hungry people across the country.

We are a faith community with a shared tradition of compassion and a history of commitment to social justice. We must stand up today and make our voices heard. Rallying together, we can make a difference - in our neighborhoods and in our nation.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit dedicated to preventing and alleviating hunger for people of all faiths and backgrounds.
FROM MAZON’S PRESIDENT & CEO

As you read this, I will have completed my first 200 days as President & CEO. It has been an extraordinary 6 months. I’ve learned a great deal.

I’ve learned that what I thought I understood about hunger in America was naïve and uninformed. I now know that almost 50 million Americans struggle to put food on the table every day – more than the entire population of Canada. I’ve learned that our incredible grantees work tirelessly to ease the burden of those who struggle to get enough to eat, and how invaluable our support is to their work. I’ve learned that for the first time in recent memory, political attacks threaten our nation’s most important nutrition support program (SNAP), and that without those food stamps, America will see massive hunger on a scale not witnessed here since the Great Depression. I’ve learned that there is a stunning correlation between obesity and hunger – a paradox explained only by the harsh realities of the food that is available and affordable for families in need. And I’ve learned that MAZON has pioneered many innovative approaches to meet all these challenges, including leading the way in strategizing how to deliver more nutritious food at food banks in California and across the United States.

In the coming months, I will work with the remarkable staff and Board of MAZON to implement strategies, garner resources and create innovative programs that will allow us to further realize our commitment to tikkun olam – to repair our world.

We will continue and grow the effective grantmaking that is the backbone of our struggle to end hunger.

We will re-energize our education and advocacy efforts by reactivating our work with our synagogue partners across the country, sharing what MAZON has learned about the causes of hunger, the most effective responses to it, and how they can help make a difference. We will engage congregations with age-appropriate programs – for Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, college students, pre-schoolers (yes, even preschoolers!), individual adults and havurot, Sisterhoods, Men’s Clubs and social action/social justice committees alike – that will help us stand together and bring about real and lasting change.

We will explore new innovations, like our Healthy Options, Healthy Meals initiative, that allow us to apply our knowledge and experience. We will test new approaches and strategies to meet needs that have gone unaddressed, fallen through the cracks or been thought just too tough to tackle.

It’s an ambitious agenda, but one that is imperative to launch. And I have learned that if anyone can do it, it is the synagogues, congregants and supporters of MAZON. You are unlike any team I have ever seen—committed and compassionate, with perseverance for the lengthy work that lies ahead. Together I know that we will indeed transform how it is into how it should be.

L’Shalom,

Abby J. Leibman
As we welcome our Jewish New Year, I have important news to share with you regarding the hunger situation in Israel. In August the Knesset approved a bill forming a national council for nutritional security, which Welfare Minister Moshe Kahlon, known as the most active Minister in the Knesset, has pledged to form by early 2012. This bill ensures that all of Israel’s citizens will have access to healthy food.

I believe this nutritional bill is one of the most important bills the Knesset has ever passed – an accomplishment particularly worthy of celebration. Let me tell you why.

You may be surprised to learn that, until the Government of Prime Minister Netanyahu was formed, the prevalence of hunger in Israel was firmly denied by its government. Knowing that food insecurity was, in fact, an escalating problem in Israel, in 2005 MAZON helped to create a forum on food insecurity and poverty to study the situation in detail. The research that came out of this forum was shocking – nearly 25% of Israelis, including nearly one third of children, were food insecure.

Israel has no government-sponsored nutrition programs. So in 2007, MAZON sponsored several members of the Knesset to visit with legislators and officials at the USDA in Washington to learn about our Federal Nutrition programs. They visited food banks and went to schools to witness first hand how effective our national school lunch program is in America. Inspired by what they heard and armed with information, these influential members of Knesset returned to Israel committed to building the necessary programs to ensure that all Israelis would be able to eat. Unfortunately, despite their initial enthusiasm, they quickly became distracted by pressing issues of national security, and their nutrition program agenda did not advance.

Earlier this year, Moshe Kahlon became Minister of Welfare, and Orit Noked Minister of Agriculture. Ministers Kahlon and Noked had been part of our 2007 MAZON Washington study group, and I have been in regular communication with both of them since that time. When I met with Minister Kahlon on my most recent trip, he assured me of two things: that he recognizes the Israeli government’s responsibility to provide for those who are hungry, and that he is taking steps that will help his country meet its responsibility to those hungry Israelis.

The Israeli government is now on its way to doing what should have been done years ago – accepting the important role it must play in ensuring that its citizens have enough to eat. This is a monumental shift for a government that for so long denied the existence of this problem. It appears that the seeds that were planted by MAZON years ago are starting to sprout.

MAZON can and should be proud of our role in educating members of the Knesset. Our success in Israel serves as a powerful example of what can happen when interested parties take it upon themselves to get involved in advocacy – to reach out to legislators and make their voices heard.

In the coming year, I challenge you to get involved and make your voice heard.

B’shalom,

Joel E. Jacob
MAZON’s partnership grantmaking gives us a bird’s eye view on trends in the field with regard to the prevalence of need, program achievements, food and nutrition policy developments, and the enormous issues at stake for low-income and hungry families. Below are six recent observations we think you should be aware of:

1. Federal food programs are performing well. It is widely acknowledged that SNAP (the new name for the Food Stamp Program) and other federal food programs helped spare millions of families from some of the worst effects of the recession and kept the numbers of hungry people from climbing even higher during the current economic downturn.

2. Enormous threats to federal food programs loom in Congress. It is not an overstatement to say that lawmakers seem to be renegotiating the social contract, and that the decisions they make could represent the greatest changes to the safety net since the Great Society. The most urgent priority is the fight over the federal budget and the detrimental proposals under consideration as part of Congress’ deficit reduction efforts.

3. States’ budget deficits threaten funding for food and nutrition programs. 44 states and DC are projecting budget shortfalls totaling $112 billion for fiscal year 2012. Continued sluggish economic and job growth will keep state income tax receipts at low levels, hampering their ability to meet the increasing demand for essential human services.

BRAIN FOOD

Observations in the Field

by Mia Hubbard, Vice President of Programs

WHAT’S NEW IN THE OFFICE

Exciting new developments

As you may know, MAZON has undergone a number of changes in the six months. Most prominently, we welcomed Abby J. Leibman as our new President & CEO. Now, we are thrilled to update you on a few other notable changes around the office.

Mia Hubbard has been promoted to Vice President of Programs, in recognition of her leadership in the anti-hunger movement and her deep knowledge of the issues, her remarkable insights into the causes of hunger and her outstanding contributions to advancing a meaningful response to those causes.

Barb Green has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer, in recognition of her skillful management of and adaptation to the evolving needs of the organization as well as the breadth and depth of her experience.

Cari Uslan has joined as Director of Development. Cari brings extensive fundraising experience from development positions at Mayo Clinic and the American Heart Association and nonprofit management experience from Kehillat Israel and Temple Adat Elohim, both in Los Angeles.

The staff of MAZON extends heartfelt gratitude to our amazing summer interns: Ben Klein, Jason Lipeles, Laura Donney and Matana Malina, with special recognition to Ivan Porto, who came to us last summer to help with social media and ended up giving us his best for a whole year. Thank you all for your hard work!
Sustained increases in food demand are the “new normal” for the nation’s emergency food system. Emergency food providers report that demand for their services continues to rise 30-70% year-over-year. The combination of sustained need and ever-scarcer access to resources has put considerable strain on these organizations’ budgets, forcing many to spend more of their precious operating funds on the purchase of food.

The nation’s anti-hunger community is innovating to include healthy eating in their agendas. Increasing evidence of the relationship between obesity and food insecurity has prompted the nation’s anti-hunger community to consider its role and responsibility in obesity prevention among low-income households. Around the country, anti-hunger advocacy organizations and direct-service providers alike are implementing creative programs to increase the availability of nutritious food in their communities.

The global food crisis has implications for political and social stability. Food prices are soaring as a result of a “perfect storm” of forces – increased demand from developing economies, rising fuel prices, poor weather, commodity speculations, and a shift to biofuel production – which has led to a deepening of poverty in many places. Many observers believe that this year’s upheavals in the Middle East have, in part, been sparked by hunger, poverty and food price volatility. On the other hand, as we have seen in places like Korea and Somalia, non-democratic political regimes are known to withhold food as a means of repressing their opponents.

ON THE MOVE
MAZON goes to DC

On July 28, MAZON Board and staff members joined 160+ colleagues from 20 other Jewish social justice organizations for a series of White House policy briefings to exchange ideas on housing, healthcare, food justice and education. What a thrill it was to stand in solidarity with a cross-generational group of committed, dedicated Jewish activists from all over the country who care passionately about the social justice agenda!
As we celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we are reminded to “share our bread with the hungry.” You can symbolically share your bread by making a gift to MAZON.

Your generosity will bring help and hope to all those who struggle to put food on the table.

Give a gift today!

We appreciate your support. Please donate using the attached envelope, online at mazon.org or by calling us at (800) 813-0557.

INNOVATIVE GRANTEE PARTNERS

Community leaders promote a holistic approach

by Robin Thomas, MAZON Board Member

New Orleans is a city with a rich culinary tradition, but a poor political one. Even before the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the recent oil spill disaster, Southern Louisiana suffered from uneven and inadequate services to support the neediest in their communities.

According to the USDA, 17% of the state’s population lives below the federal poverty level, and one out of four children under five is food insecure, giving Louisiana the dubious distinction of leading the nation in child hunger. Fortunately, MAZON has two local grantee partners leading their peers in reversing this unfortunate situation.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana is the world’s largest food bank. Some of their many hunger-fighting initiatives – backpack programs, food delivery programs to seniors, nutrition education and cooking demonstrations – are similar to those found at food banks across the nation. But you’d be wrong to interpret those similarities to mean that it is just another run-of-the-mill food bank.

Rather, Second Harvest is leading the way in efforts to make a lasting impact on hunger in New Orleans and throughout Louisiana. Led by visionary President and CEO Natalie Jayroe, Second Harvest has been instrumental in uniting nonprofit organizations and government agencies into local and statewide coalitions that are developing new policies that will, in Jayroe’s words, “fix our broken down food system.”

One such coalition is the Food Policy Advisory Committee of the New Orleans City Council, which has crafted recommendations for improving access to grocery stores and transforming the nutritional quality of school meals. Second Harvest was also instrumental in bringing together the state’s four food banks to form the Louisiana Food Bank Association with the goal of promoting interaction among members, coordinating statewide resources, and advocating with state officials on issues of hunger and food banking.

New Orleans Food and Farm Network (NOFFN) is a grassroots organization working to ensure access to fresh, healthy food by promoting a stronger and more vibrant urban agriculture system. CEO Sanjay Kharod espouses the fundamental belief that community empowerment is both the tool and the goal, and that the citizens themselves, given the proper tools, will move New Orleans into a healthier future.
I am a senior at Walter Payton College Prep in Chicago, a selective enrollment institution known for its racially, culturally and socio-economically diverse student body. Earlier this year, some of my fellow students started expressing concern about buying a ticket to senior prom next year. Until then, I hadn’t really considered the fact that a perfect dress, flawless hair, and a prom ticket come with a hefty price tag. And then, probably because of my involvement with MAZON, it dawned on me: these same friends are just a few of the approximately one-third of the student body that is on the subsidized lunch program. If their family didn’t consistently have enough money to eat, there’s no way they could pay to attend a dance. I knew we had to do something.

So last semester, I joined with students in my junior class to organize a dance. Our goal was twofold: first, we wanted to raise money to help purchase prom tickets for Payton students who otherwise could not afford to go; and second, we wanted to do something to help the people of Japan following the devastating earthquake and tsunami. On May 27, hundreds of students spent the evening having a blast and helping us raise money to help our friends attend the prom and honor our plan to donate 10% of our earnings to Japan relief. Of course, when it came to deciding which organization we would donate that 10% to, we trusted that MAZON would put our dollars to good use.

I am proud of my class for putting together a great event and helping our fellow students attend next year’s prom. I am also very proud to share our efforts with MAZON. As I continue down my path into adulthood, I know that my connection to MAZON will only grow stronger.

FROM A DONOR IN HER OWN WORDS

Compassion for hungry people that extends beyond their need for food

by Rebecca Lawson, longtime supporter of MAZON

My name is Rebecca Lawson, and my involvement with MAZON stems back to my B’not Mitzvah project with my twin sister, Sarah. We compiled a cookbook of recipes from friends and family entitled *Meals for MAZON*, which we distributed with a suggested donation to MAZON. Later, we gave our extras to MAZON, who had such a demand for them that they went into a second printing, helping to raise thousands of dollars.

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Healthy Snack Sacks for Kids

In an effort to help combat the rising incidence of childhood obesity and nutrition-related diseases such as type-2 diabetes, MAZON piloted Healthy Snack Sack Program for Kids. The program was designed to help pantries identify, purchase and distribute nutritious and affordable snacks and to provide nutrition education that would help the low-income families frequenting those pantries make healthier choices.

As part of the program, five participating food pantries successfully distributed over 12,000 healthy snack sacks to children in Oxnard, Simi Valley, Pasadena, and Los Angeles. The sacks contained a variety of convenient single-serve snacks that were suited for eating “on the go” so that children could take them wherever they went. Each snack sack contained five items - one from each food group: grains (snack bars, graham crackers, and popcorn), fruits (applesauce, fruit cups, and 100% juice), vegetables (fresh carrots, celery, and peppers), dairy (low-fat milk, chocolate and vanilla pudding) and protein (peanut butter, trail mix, nuts, and tuna). Also included in the snack sacks were educational materials that covered topics such as the choices and benefits of the different food groups, appropriate portion sizes, how to read Nutrition Facts labels, the importance of getting daily physical activity, and other tools to help them shop wisely for grocery store products.

Throughout the year-long program, pantry coordinators reported not only the pleasure they derived from being able to offer healthy single-serve snacks to their clients, but also how happy those clients were to discover and receive them.

Once the program evaluation process is finished, MAZON will create a Tool Kit containing protocols for setting up similar programs as well as resources that include healthy snack standards, product suggestions, and family-friendly educational materials. The Tool Kit will be posted on MAZON’s website and available for food pantry use throughout the country.

Healthy Options, Healthy Meals

*Healthy Options, Healthy Meals*, MAZON’s groundbreaking national initiative in partnership with Kaiser Permanente, is now well underway. Twelve food banks have joined the initiative and in doing so have proven their commitment to making the sustainable organizational changes required to distribute healthier food to the low-income communities they serve.

By the end of August, each participating food bank will have identified the strategies they intend to implement over the next year, examples of which include implementing a system to evaluate the nutritional content of the food they distribute, identifying new sources of nutritious food, and expanding nutrition education efforts to help clients use the food they receive to prepare healthy meals.

*Healthy Options, Healthy Meals* is also thrilled to welcome one of America’s foremost pediatric endocrinologists, Francine R. Kaufman, M.D., to the initiative’s Advisory Board.

We will post additional updates on this initiative at mazon.org in the coming months. We look forward to sharing our progress with you.
In 2011 MAZON awarded 286 grants totaling over $3,000,000.

Alabama
Bay Area Food Bank, Theodore

Alaska
Food Bank of Alaska, Anchorage
Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Soldotna
The Glory Hole, Juneau

Arizona
Association of Arizona Food Banks, Phoenix
St. Jude Food Bank, Tuba City

Arkansas
Arkansas Foodbank Network, Little Rock

California
Alameda County Community Food Bank, Oakland
Amador Calaveras, San Andreas
Amador-Tuolumne Community Resources, Jackson
California Association of Food Banks, Oakland
California Food Policy Advocates, Oakland
California Hunger Action Coalition, Los Angeles
Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego, San Diego
Community Action Partnership of Kern, Bakersfield
Community Action Partnership of Orange County, Garden Grove
Community Food Bank, Fresno
Daughters of Charity Ministry Services, Lynwood
Failure to Thrive Program, Torrance
Familia Center, Santa Cruz
Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County, Paso Robles
Food Bank for Monterey County, Salinas
Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Concord
Food For People, Eureka
FoodLink for Tulare County, Inc., Visalia
FOOD SHARE, Oxnard
Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara
Foothill Unity Center, Inc., Monrovia
Fresno Metro Ministry, Fresno
Grupo de la Comida, San Francisco
Hope-Net, Los Angeles

Hunger Action Los Angeles, Los Angeles
Imperial Valley Food Bank, El Centro
Interfaith Community Services, Escondido
Jewish Family and Children’s Services, San Francisco
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles/SOVA, Los Angeles
Los Angeles Community Action Network, Los Angeles
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Los Angeles
Madera County Food Bank, Madera
Plowshares, Ukiah
Public Counsel, Los Angeles
Redwood Empire Food Bank, Santa Rosa
River City Food Bank, Sacramento
Sacramento Hunger Coalition, Sacramento
San Diego Hunger Coalition, San Diego
San Francisco Food Bank, San Francisco
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, San Jose
Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County, Watsonville
Senior Community Centers, San Diego
St. Anthony Foundation, San Francisco
St. Joseph Center, Venice
St. Josephs Family Center, Gilroy
St. Margaret’s Center, Lennox
St. Mary’s Center, Oakland
The Survivor Mitzvah Project, Los Angeles
Sunnyvale Community Services, Sunnyvale
Union Station Homeless Services, Pasadena
Western Center on Law and Poverty, Los Angeles

Connecticut
Connecticut Association for Human Services, Hartford
Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut, Hartford
End Hunger Connecticut!, Hartford
Stamford Jewish Community Center, Stamford
Brass City Harvest, Waterbury
Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford, West Hartford

District of Columbia
Bread for the City, Washington, DC
Capital Area Food Bank, Washington, DC
D.C. Hunger Solutions, Washington, DC
Emmaus Services for the Aging, Washington, DC
Food & Friends, Washington, DC
Washington DC Jewish Community Center, Washington, DC

Florida
Christians Reaching Out to Society, Lake Worth
Farmworkers Self-Help, Dade City
Florida Impact, Tallahassee
Samuel M. & Helene Soref Jewish Community Center, Plantation
Treasure Coast Food Bank, Ft. Pierce

Georgia
Atlanta Community Food Bank, Atlanta
Jewish Family & Career Services, Atlanta

Hawaii
Kauai Independent Food Bank, Lihue

Idaho
Idaho Community Action Network, Boise
Idaho Foodbank Warehouse, Boise
Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force, Garden City

Illinois
A Just Harvest, Chicago
Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago
Illinois Hunger Coalition, Chicago
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago/EZRA Multi-Service Center, Chicago
Lakeview Pantry, Chicago
Northern Illinois Food Bank, St. Charles
The ARK, Chicago
Vital Bridges NFP, Inc., Chicago
Indiana
Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne

Kentucky
God’s Pantry Food Bank, Lexington
Jewish Community of Louisville, Louisville

Louisiana
Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge
Louisiana Food Bank Association, Baton Rouge
Just the Right Attitude, Inc., New Orleans
New Orleans Food and Farm Network, New Orleans
Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana, New Orleans

Massachusetts
Berkshire Food Project, North Adams
Beverly Bootstraps Community Services, Inc., Beverly
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Cambridge
Community Servings, Jamaica Plain
Falmouth Service Center, Falmouth
Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Hatfield
Greater Boston Food Bank, Boston
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Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Boston
Open Pantry Community Services, Springfield
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Maryland
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Garden Harvest, Reisterstown
Jewish Community Services, Baltimore
Maryland Hunger Solutions, Baltimore

Maine
Maine Equal Justice Partners, Augusta

Michigan
ACCESS of West Michigan, Grand Rapids
Center for Civil Justice, Saginaw
Focus:HOPE, Detroit
Food Bank Council of Michigan, Lansing
Forgotten Harvest, Oak Park
Gleaners Community Food Bank, Detroit
Yad Ezra, Berkley

Minnesota
Hunger Solutions Minnesota, St. Paul
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Minneapolis
Minnesota FoodShare, Minneapolis
Open Arms of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Saint Paul Area Council of Churches:
   Department of Indian Work, St. Paul
Second Harvest Heartland, St. Paul
White Earth Land Recovery Project/
   Native Harvest, Callaway

Missouri
Jewish Family & Children’s Service, St. Louis
Migrant Farmworkers Project, Kansas City
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, St. Louis
Missouri Rural Crisis Center, Columbia
Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City
Redemptorist Social Services Center, Kansas City

Mississippi
Public Policy Center of Mississippi, Jackson

Montana
Missoula Food Bank, Missoula
Montana Food Bank Network, Missoula

North Carolina
Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, Carrboro
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Raleigh
Food Bank of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City
Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte, Charlotte
MANNA FoodBank, Asheville
Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Charlotte
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, Winston-Salem

New Hampshire
Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Inc., Nashua

New Jersey
Elijah’s Promise, New Brunswick
Freehold Area Open Door, Freehold
Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Greater Mercer County, Princeton
Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Elizabeth
Mercer Street Friends, Trenton

New Mexico
Kitchen Angels, Santa Fe
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, Albuquerque
New Mexico Association of Food Banks, Albuquerque
Roadrunner Food Bank, Albuquerque

Nevada
Food Bank of Northern Nevada, McCarran
Project MANA, Incline Village

New York
Cathedral Community Cares, New York
Community Impact, New York
Council of Senior Centers, New York
Dutchess Outreach, Poughkeepsie
Empire Justice Center, Rochester
FOCUS Churches of Albany, Inc., Albany
Food Bank for New York City, New York
Food Bank of Central New York, Syracuse
Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Elmira
Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Hempstead
Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, New York
Hunger Action Network of New York State, Albany
Interfaith Nutrition Network (The INN), Hempstead
Island Harvest, Mineola
Jewish Community Council of Canarsie, Brooklyn
Just Food, New York
Make the Road New York, Brooklyn
National Council of Jewish Women, New York Section, New York
Neighbors Together, Brooklyn
New York City Coalition Against Hunger, New York
Nutrition Consortium of NYS, Inc., Albany
People to People, Nanuet
Part of the Solution (POTS), Bronx
Project Ezra, New York
Project Hospitality, Staten Island
Rockland Jewish Family Service, West Nyack
Schenectady Inner City Ministry, Schenectady
St. John’s Bread and Life, Brooklyn
Syracuse Jewish Family Service, Syracuse
West Side Campaign Against Hunger, New York

Ohio
Children’s Hunger Alliance, Columbus
Cleveland Foodbank, Inc., Cleveland
Jewish Family Service, Cincinnati
Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton, Inc., Centerville
Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks, Columbus
Oklahoma
Community Action Project of Tulsa County, Tulsa
Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, Inc., Tulsa
Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City

Oregon
FOOD for Lane County, Eugene
Jewish Family & Child Service, Portland
Oregon Food Bank, Portland
Partners for Hunger-Free Oregon, Portland
Sisters Of The Road, Portland

Pennsylvania
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Harrisburg
Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem
Community Legal Services, Philadelphia
Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger, Philadelphia
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Duquesne
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia
Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh
Jewish Family Service of Greater Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre
Jewish Family Services of York, York
Just Harvest Education Fund, Pittsburgh
Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance, Philadelphia
Mitzvah Food Project, Philadelphia
Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks, Canonsburg
Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center, Harrisburg

Rhode Island
Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Providence

South Carolina
Lowcountry Food Bank, North Charleston
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center, Columbia

Tennessee
Community Food Advocates, Nashville
Mid-South Food Bank, Memphis
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee, Gray

Texas
Center for Public Policy Priorities, Austin
High Plains Food Bank, Amarillo
Houston Food Bank, Houston
International AIDS Empowerment, El Paso
Regional East Texas Food Bank, Tyler
Resource Center of Dallas, Dallas
San Antonio Food Bank, San Antonio
South Plains Food Bank, Lubbock
The Wilkinson Center, Dallas
Vickery Meadow Neighborhood Alliance, Dallas

Utah
Crossroads Urban Center, Salt Lake City
Utahns Against Hunger, Salt Lake City

Vermont
Hunger Free Vermont, South Burlington
Vermont Foodbank, Barre

Virginia
Federation of Virginia Food Banks, Norfolk
Feeding America Southwest Virginia, Salem

Washington
Alliance for a Just Society, Seattle
Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Seattle
Children’s Alliance, Seattle
Food Lifeline, Shoreline
Jewish Family Service of Seattle, Seattle
Lifelong AIDS Alliance, Seattle
SeaShare, Bainbridge Island
Second Harvest Inland Northwest, Spokane
Washington Food Coalition, Seattle

Wisconsin
Hunger Task Force, Milwaukee
Jewish Family Services, Milwaukee
Wisconsin Council of Churches, Sun Prairie

Regional
Northeast Regional Anti-Hunger Network, East Boston, MA
South East Public Benefits and Training Group, Jackson, MS
Western Region Anti-Hunger Consortium, Seattle, WA

National
Association of Nutrition Services Agencies (ANSA), Washington, DC
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC

Congressional Hunger Center, Washington, DC
Feeding America, Chicago, IL
Food Research and Action Center, Washington, DC
Migrant Legal Action Program, Washington, DC
National Commodity Supplemental Food Program Association, Concord, NH

International
Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, New York, NY
The Global FoodBanking Network, Chicago, IL

Israel
Adva Center, Tel Aviv
Be’er-Sova, Be’er Sheva
Community Advocacy, Jerusalem
Ezrat Avot, Jerusalem
Israel Religious Action Center, Jerusalem
Leket Israel, Ramana
Leo Baeck Education Center, Haifa
The Jaffa Institute, Jaffa
Yad Ezer L Haver, Haifa
Yad Ezra V’Shulamit, Jerusalem

South Africa
African Solutions to African Problems, Valatie, NY
Ikamva Labantu, Cape Town
Southern African Union of Temple Sisterhoods, Johannesburg, Gauteng

Argentina
Fundacion Banco de Alimentos, San Martin, Buenos Aires

El Salvador
The SHARE Foundation: Building a New El Salvador Today, Berkeley, CA

Ethiopia
North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, New York, NY

Haiti
Friends of the Children of Lascahobas, Haiti, New York, NY
Lambi Fund of Haiti, Washington, DC

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