

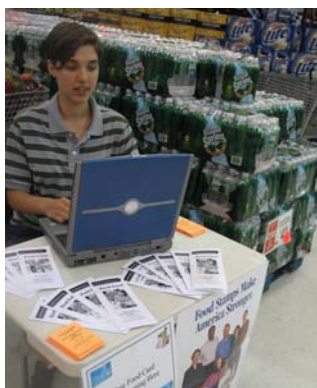
Community FoodNews

A Resource Publication for New York's Emergency Food Programs

Conducting Free Food Stamp Screenings at EFPs

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Food Stamps are a vital resource to low-income New Yorkers, providing recipients access to high quality and nutritious groceries. The average household benefit is \$209 a month. In New York State, only about half of those eligible receive Food Stamp benefits. In fact, New York State ranks about 43 of all states in Food Stamp participation.



FS Screening at store

Hunger Action is working to improve access to Food Stamps in the Hudson Valley region, which has some of the lowest participation rates in New York State. Through this project, we aim to increase Food Stamp participation, reduce stigma, and increase knowledge and access to Food Stamps and Food Stamp resources. Hunger Action Network has initiated a toll-free hotline, in which we can determine eligibility and approximate benefit levels and also provides application assistance and referrals to the Food Stamp office. We also conduct on-site Food Stamp pre-screenings at emergency food programs, libraries, grocery stores, farmers markets, and other community events.

NYS announced an initiative to help more working families get food stamps (though some of the changes need a federal waiver). Families with an adult working 30 hours per week, or households with two adults who each work at least 20 hours per week, would be offered a simplified application process. Eligible applicants will bypass the face-to-face interview at social services offices, will not be subject to finger imaging, and will face less demanding reporting requirements. Resource limits will be waived for all food stamp recipients in New York State, allowing them to save for important family needs without jeopardizing their food stamp benefits.

If you are located in the Hudson Valley and have questions or would like to schedule Food Stamp tabling or training at your program, please contact Veda Myers at 212-741-8192 ex. 2# or vmyers@hungeractionnys.org.

New York State Food Policy Council Created

Gov. Spitzer issued an Executive Order to create a New York State Food Policy Council in response to efforts by Hunger Action and many others. The Council will coordinate efforts by the various state agencies to end hunger, promote improved nutrition and support local farmers.

Dozens of programs, located in numerous agencies at the federal, State and local level, attempt to reduce hunger, strengthen local agriculture, and reduce nutri-

tion and health problems. The programs would benefit from increased coordination pursuant to comprehensive food policy planning.

The Council would also provide government agencies with the opportunity to meet and interact with citizens and each other on food and agricultural policy. The Council would help create win-win situations, such as helping local farmers sell to schools and restaurants so consumers have better access to healthy produce.



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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the sixteenth edition of *Community Food News!* This edition contains announcements and updates about exciting projects which are bringing fresh locally grown produce to New Yorkers across the state.

Hunger Action recently initiated a food processing social purpose micro-enterprise project in Schenectady County. On pages 6-7 is our nutrition education section—feel free to make copies of the handouts for your guests, too, or contact us for more copies.

We are asking you to become a HANNYS member at a reduced price (see p. 11). Thanks for the invaluable work that you do! Together, we can end hunger!

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Getting to the
Root of the
Problem

Hunger Action Network of NYS. Hunger Action is a state-wide membership organization of direct food providers, low-income New Yorkers, religious groups, anti-hunger advocates, and concerned citizens whose goal is to end hunger and address its roots causes, including poverty, in NYS.

HPNAP INCREASED BY \$5.15 Million in STATE BUDGET

The Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) received an additional \$5.15 million in funding this session. Gov. Spitzer had proposed the initial \$5.15 million increase for HPNAP; however, the Assembly's proposal to provide an additional \$2 million on top of the \$5.15 million failed.

Because over 2 million New Yorkers rely on emergency food programs each year, advocates and concerned citizens have called for at least \$32.19 million in HPNAP funding for 2007-2008 to keep pace with the demand for food. For a copy of the Anti-Hunger Policy Platform for New York State and City (2007 – 2012), to go <http://hungeractionnys.org/Anti-hungerPolicyPlatform.pdf>.

HPNAP is a program of the NYS Department of Health. The program provides assistance for food, operating costs, food service equipment, food safety and sanitation supplies, and nutrition technical assistance to EFPs throughout the state. Applications for assistance are available annually through the regional food banks.

HANNYS Kicks Off New West Harlem CSA Project

Hunger Action and many partners are increasing access to delicious farm fresh food in the West Harlem area of New York City. The West Harlem Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Project links a CSA farmer in the Hudson Valley with emergency food programs (EFPs) and low-income families and individuals in West Harlem. This link comes in two forms: first, by distributing farm fresh food for free through the meals provided at several EFPs operating in West Harlem; and second, by starting a family style CSA so that residents of West Harlem can purchase wholesome affordable shares of food from a local farmer. EFP and CSA members will pick up the shares once a week throughout the harvest season (June – November).

Eight members of a network of EFPs in West Harlem participate in the West Harlem CSA. Using grant funding from the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP), administered by the United Way of New York City, each EFP receives a delivery of farm fresh vegetables and produce that are integrated into their pantry bags and soup kitchen meals. United Way also provides on-site cooking demonstrations for how to prepare and cook the seasonal vegetables that they receive from their CSA shares, as well as provide an informational binder with nutritional information for all the vegetables they could possibly receive through the CSA farm. This is the pilot year for this project, and all participating EFPs will be able to use their HPNAP allotments to pay for however many shares they wish to receive next year.

This family style CSA specifically targets lower-income families and enables them to use Food Stamps and other payment options that are feasible for them and still fair and appropriate for our farmer. The project has initiated a revolving loan fund so that we can pay the farmer upfront for lower-income members' shares, guaranteeing a source of economic security for our farmer. Lower-income members can pay back into the loan fund every two weeks throughout the CSA season in much smaller, incremental payments. At the end of the season, the revolving loan fund will be replenished so that we can use it year after year to pay the farmer at the beginning of the season



CSA Project Partners with NYC Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum

Every week during the harvest season, EFP and CSA members pick up their shares of fresh vegetables at a convenient neighborhood location, Cathedral St. John the Divine. Members receive fresh high quality locally grown produce and our farmer is guaranteed year-long demand for their products.

For more information on CSAs, contact Alexis Stevens at Hunger Action Network, 212-741-8192 Ext 4#, or astevens@hungeractionnys.org or contact Just Food in NYC (www.justfood.org).

HANNYS' Annual Membership Meeting Set for Monday, September 24 in Poughkeepsie

Join Hunger Action for its next Annual Membership meeting on Monday, September 24, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm in Poughkeepsie. The conference will focus on the recently enacted *NYS Food Policy Council* and on how anti-hunger advocates can help shape the work of the Council. The new Commissioner of the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), David Hansell, will be our keynote speaker.

Various *workshops* will cover: Food Stamp outreach, developing CSAs and micro-enterprise projects, universal healthcare and summer food service program. This will be a great opportunity to network and strategize with other organizations about the most important hunger-related issues facing food pantries and low-income New Yorkers. Spread the word and please contact us if you or someone you know are interested in attending.

To register, please call (212) 741-8192, ext 0# or email: info@hungeractionnys.org.

Community Supported Agriculture: A Local Source for Fresh Produce

As I am sure many of you have experienced, it is sometimes difficult to find fresh produce at your local grocery store. Usually, whatever is available was harvested weeks beforehand, usually trucked in from hundreds of miles away, making it not so “fresh” after all. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a way of purchasing a wide variety of fresh, seasonal produce directly from a farmer, cutting out the middle steps of distribution and retail. In a typical CSA, a family “joins” a CSA farm for a full growing season (usually June–November) for a set fee. In return, the family receives a variety of seasonal vegetables every week-- whatever food the farmer harvests (usually that day) divided equally among the CSA members.



Cascade Farm

A share from a local CSA is more than great fresh food. CSA promotes a relationship between farmers and consumers, and encourages a sense of community. The partnership allows the farmer to provide a wide variety of produce of the highest quality while keeping costs at or below supermarket prices. Growers receive better prices for their crops, gain some financial security, and are relieved of much of the burden of marketing.

Since joining a CSA can mean encountering new types of produce, CSAs provide a great opportunity to share knowledge about nutrition, cooking, and food preservation. Most CSA's set up cooking demonstrations right at distribution or organize separate workshops on nutrition, cooking, and food preservation as community events. Many CSA's provide recipes and tipsheets at distribution and encourage CSA members to share recipes and food preparation techniques with one another and with their neighbors.

In recent years several EFPs have taken advantage of this source of fresh produce. There are several ways that EFPs can work with CSA's. Some EFPs might want to purchase a few CSA shares, and distribute the weekly produce to their guests. Another option is to connect guests with the CSA directly. A priority of many CSA programs is to bring healthy food into low-income communities. This is accomplished by offering a variety of payment methods -- including spreading out payments over time, work shares, sliding-scale prices, and accepting food stamps.

When CSA produce is distributed to members (usually at the farm, or at a community site, once per week) there is often some left over. Most CSA's are glad to donate this extra good food to EFPs.

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SFSP: Free Meals For Kids All Summer Long!

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free nutritious meals to children 18 and younger during the summer months while school is out. The program is underutilized across the state and we need to reach more kids! Key reasons for low participation are a lack of groups to sponsor the program and provide a site, and a lack of education about the program.

Summer meals are typically served by schools, camps, food programs, housing authorities, pools and parks, faith groups, and others who agree to be the local SFSP sponsor or site. If your program serves children during the summer, you may be eligible to distribute meals to the kids. Even if you can't be a site, you can tell your community about the program. For information on SFSP locations, call toll-free (800) 522-5006 or in NYC call 311. For more info or outreach materials, contact Francisco at fmercado@hungeractionnys.org or 212-741-8192, x 6#.

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We are conducting our annual updating of our records and want to make sure all of your contact information is correct. Please fill out the information below and send it back to us via fax, email, or regular mail to the address below if you have not done so within the past year. Keep up to date of legislative alerts, upcoming events, and budget changes that can affect you and your clients with our fax alerts and our HungerAlert, Hunger Actions' free electronic newsletter. To subscribe to Hunger Alert electronically, please make sure to fill out your email address.

Contact Name	Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss	First Name		Last Name			
Title							
Organization							
Type of Food Program (food pantry, soup kitchen, shelter, etc)							
Address 1 (mailing)							
City, State, Zip Code		City	State	Zip Code			
			New York				
Address 2 (food site, if different)							
City, State, Zip Code		City	State	Zip Code			
			New York				
County / Borough							
Telephone							
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Email							
Eligibility Restrictions							
For programs <u>outside of NYC</u> only:							
Days of Operation	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Hours of Operation							

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Nutrition Section

Featured Vegetable: String Beans

String beans are the unripe fruits of any kind of bean, including the yard-long bean, the hyacinth bean, the pea, the winged bean, and the common bean. They are available in the early summer and early fall, and are best when picked earlier in the season.

Preparation:

Wash and remove both ends of the string beans. They can be steamed, or boiled in a small amount of water. Add them to soups, stir-fries, or casseroles,

Nutrition:

Storage:

Unwashed string beans can be stored in a plastic bag in a refrigerator drawer for 3 to 5 days. It is best to use them as soon as possible, but

What did one bean say to the other bean?

“How you bean doing?”



Green beans with Coriander and Garlic

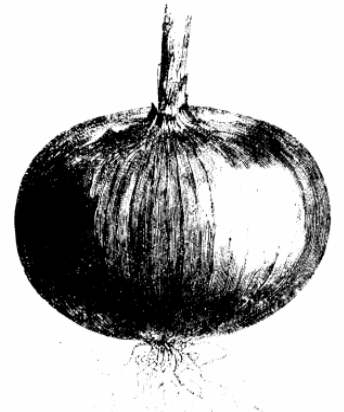
Ingredients:

*2 pounds tender young green beans, washed and tipped
3 quarts boiling water plus 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 large garlic cloves, peeled and minced
2/3 cup coarsely chopped fresh coriander (the dried won't do)*

*1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper (about)
5 to 6 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3 to 4 tablespoons cider vinegar*

Cook the beans in the boiling salted water in a large covered saucepan over moderate heat 10 to 12 minutes until tender. Meanwhile, place the garlic and coriander in a large heat-proof bowl. As soon as the beans are done, drain well, return to moderate heat, and shake the pan 30 to 40 seconds to drive off all excess moisture. Dump the hot beans on top of the garlic and coriander and let stand 10 minutes. Add 5 tablespoons of the olive oil and toss well to mix; cover and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours. Remove green beans and let stand, covered, at room temperature for 45 minutes before serving. Add vinegar, olive oil, salt, and pepper to taste.

Gardening in a Bucket



Growing your own food without the benefit of yard space is fun and easy!

Enjoy growing your own fresh vegetables this summer without a backyard! All you need is a bucket, soil, vegetable seeds and/or plants and a sunny location indoors or out (though outside is preferred). You can grow one vegetable plant or a combination of tomato, pepper, squash and pole beans in a five gallon bucket. It may seem like this is too many plants for one bucket, but these different plants have different growing habits and grow to different sizes.

STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL BUCKET GARDEN

1. Select a bucket that has **not** had any toxic material in it such as building/painting materials or cleaners/chemicals. Drill or nail several holes into the bottom of the bucket or put rocks in the bottom few inches of the bucket to allow for drainage.
2. Fill your bucket with soil. If you are sure of the quality of the soil in your yard you can use that, but a good blended potting soil is rich in nutrients and will work better.
3. Select the plants you want in your bucket. Below are some planting tips for each plant type.

TOMATOES: Cherry, patio or bush varieties work the best. Place your tomato plant in the center of the bucket and stake it. Drive a four foot pole several inches into the soil about 3" away from the stem. Tie the plant loosely to the pole with some type of cloth. One tomato plant per bucket!!!

CUCUMBERS/MELONS/SQUASH: Plant the seeds or plants in the front of your bucket and train them to grow over the side onto your porch, steps, deck or windowsill.

PEPPERS: Place these bush-like plants on either side of the tomato plant.

POLE BEANS: Plant seeds to the rear of the bucket and train the vines to grow up a string tied to the edge of the bucket.

4. Decide where to place your bucket. When you are picking a place, remember that your bucket will need lots of sunshine and water. Try to find a secure place so the bucket cannot be knocked over.

HAPPY GROWING!!



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Upcoming Hearings on Health Care and Raising the Public Assistance Grant

New York State took an important step towards universal health care by including in the budget \$200,000 for independent studies of the merits of various approaches to universal health care. The Spitzer administration has also set up the “New York’s Partnership for Coverage” to be run by the Health Commissioner and Insurance Superintendent to study the obstacles to health coverage in the current system. They will then develop, evaluate and recommend proposals for achieving universal health insurance, including any interim steps necessary to ensure coverage.

The “Partnership for Coverage” hearings on **universal health care** will begin in **Glens Falls on September 5**. Governor Spitzer is expected to attend the first hearings. The public hearings will require pre-registration at www.partnership4coverage.ny.gov. All are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The sites and dates are:

- Sept. 5, Glens Falls Civic Center
- Oct. 3, Erie County Community College, Buffalo
- Oct. 30, Fordham University, 113 West 60th St.,

Manhattan

- Nov. 13, Onondaga Community College Syracuse
- Dec. 5, SUNY Old Westbury

The Assembly proposed **increasing the welfare basic grant** by 10% over a two-year period but this was not adopted, particularly due to the opposition of the Senate. The Assembly will be holding hearings across the state to hear from people receiving welfare, service providers and advocates about the need to raise the welfare grant, which has not been raised since 1990. We are suggesting that the basic grant be raised to cover the cost of inflation since the last grant increase. For a family of 3, this would raise the basic grant from \$291 a month to \$450. We need to mobilize low-income New Yorkers, anti-hunger organizations and faith groups to attend the hearings and support this important initiative!

The welfare grant hearing schedule is: **Westchester: Thurs, Sep 6, NYC: Thurs, Sep 7**. Syracuse and Troy will be some time in September.

Contact Mark Dunlea in our Albany office for more info, 518-434-7390, ext 1#, dunleamark@aol.com.

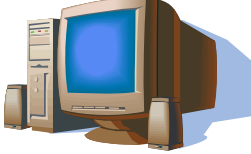
Seed & Seedling Distribution Program

In addition to meeting the immediate needs of the community, Emergency Food Programs and other community organizations can contribute to more long-term needs of their guests by setting up Seed and Seedling Distribution Programs that allow low-income New Yorkers to become more food secure. Through the program, you can distribute vegetable seeds or seedlings to individuals so they can start a backyard garden or grow food in a container. Obtaining food through gardening is a viable option for many New Yorkers and one that can offer chances to build skills and confidence as well as security. Gardens provide an excellent source of fresh, affordable food, and can have the added benefit of building community and beautifying the area. EFPs are in a good position to reach out to low-income New Yorkers, and starting a Seed and Seedling Distribution Program can be a way for you to help New Yorkers develop sustainable and secure sources of food.

Many places are willing to donate past year’s seeds and surplus seedlings for free, such as local nurseries and greenhouses. Local nurseries, farms, greenhouses and other groups often provide free seeds. Especially during the early summer, many plant outlets are anxious to clear out their inventory, and have leftover plants that they are glad to donate, rather than seeing them go to waste.

America the Beautiful Fund provides free seeds to groups who write a simple letter about their project and cover the shipping costs of the seeds. You can go to their website at www.america-the-beautiful.org or contact them at 725 15th Street, NW, Suite 605, Dept. AG, Washington, DC 20005 (202)638-1649.

For more information about setting up a Seed and Seedling Distribution Program and obtaining seeds and seedlings, please get a copy of our “Sowing Seeds...Harvesting Hope,” the guide to starting a Seed and Seedling Distribution Program for your community. You can download the guide at http://hungeractionnys.org/commfood_garden.htm or call our New York City office.

Agency Name: _____	COMPUTER DONATION SURVEY  Program Type: <i>(select all that apply)</i> _____ Soup Kitchen _____ Food Pantry _____ Shelter _____ Other: _____
Program Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Phone: _____	
Contact Name: _____	
Title/Position: _____	
Contact Phone: _____	
Contact Email: _____	

1. Does your food program/shelter staff and/or volunteers currently have access to a computer? Yes No
** If you select yes, please continue.*
** If you select no, please skip to question 7.*

2. If yes, does your food program use a computer for tasks related to your food program/shelter? Yes No
** If you select yes, please continue.*
** If you select no, please skip to question 7.*

3. Does your program have internet access? Yes No

4. Does your program have a working printer? Yes No

5. If you have a computer, for what tasks or purposes? *(check all that apply)*

_____ For writing letters, flyers, brochures, etc.

_____ For developing reports for funders and Board of Directors

_____ For accounting and/or managing budgets and purchases of the food program/shelter

_____ To schedule track staff and volunteer time

_____ To send email and files to others through the internet

_____ To use the calculator

_____ To create and update spreadsheets

_____ To input client information into a database (either internet based or within your agency only)

_____ To track and manage inventory of food and/or non-food items

_____ Other (please indicate here): _____

6. If you have a computer, what programs do you use? *(check all that apply, and indicate which programs you use. If the program you use isn't listed, please write in space provided below.)*

_____ Word Processor Program (Ms Word, Notepad, Word Perfect, etc)

_____ Spreadsheet Program (MS Excel, Quattro, OpenOffice Calc, Lotus 1-2-3, etc)

_____ Database Program (MS Access, Lotus Approach, OpenOffice Base, etc)

_____ Presentation Program (MS PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, OpenOffice Impress, etc)

_____ Desktop Publishing Program (Ms Publisher, Adobe PageMaker / InDesign, QuarkXPress, etc)

_____ Accounting / Bookkeeping Programs (QuickBooks, Quicken, MS Money, Attache, etc)

_____ Inventory Management Program

_____ Staff Time Management / Calendar Program

_____ Email Program (Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, etc)

_____ Calculator Program

*Please list other software/programs used here: _____

7. Does your food program/shelter need a new or working computer or computer equipment? Yes

No

8. If yes, what do you need?

___ Entire computer set-up

___ Monitor

___ Keyboard

___ Mouse

___ Printer

___ Other: _____

9. If you were to receive a computer, what would you use it for? (check all that apply)

_____ For writing letters, flyers, brochures, etc.

_____ For developing reports for funders and Board of Directors

_____ For accounting and/or managing budgets and purchases of the food program/shelter

_____ To schedule track staff and volunteer time

_____ To send email and files to others through the internet

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_____ To input client information into a database (either internet based or within your agency only)

_____ To track and manage inventory of food and/or non-food items

_____ Other (please indicate here): _____

10. Please select the programs that you would use or would like to begin using to benefit your program. (check all that apply. If the program you would like isn't listed, please write it in space provided below.)

_____ Word Processor / Document Editor

_____ Spreadsheet Program

_____ Database Program

_____ Presentation Program

_____ Desktop Publishing Program

_____ Accounting / Bookkeeping Program

_____ Inventory Management Program

_____ Staff Time Management / Calendar Program

_____ Email Program

_____ Calculator Program

*Please list other software/programs used here: _____

Thank you for your responses. *The information collected will be used to direct computer donation distributions in the coming year.* Please return this survey using one of the following methods:

- Fax to Attn Craig Murphey: 212-316-7582
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New York, NY 10025

Become a Member of the Hunger Action Network of NYS today!

(Reduced Rates for EFPs Today!)



Hunger Action Network of New York State (HANNYS) works to end hunger by addressing its root causes, including poverty. We are a unique membership organization which brings together low-income individuals, communities of faith, Emergency Food Providers and community advocates to increase the amount of food provided to hungry New Yorkers, while building unified statewide advocacy for long-term solutions to hunger.

We are working to reduce hunger and poverty in our communities:

- Advocating for an increase in the minimum wage and public assistance benefits to lift families out of poverty;
- Increase Funding for EFPs (through programs such as HPNAP);
- Expanding food security policies, gleaning, grow-an-extra-row, community gardening and food buying clubs;
- Advancing a comprehensive Jobs Creation Program; and
- Promoting universal health care and universal quality child care.

Hunger Action also provides specific services for EFPs, including an EFP funding resource guide for every region of NYS, a newsletter exclusively for EFPs, advocacy around EFP funding, assistance starting innovative projects at EFPs, and workshops for EFP clients around federal nutrition programs, such as Food Stamps, food resources, and other services.

Member Benefits Include:

Free Quarterly Newsletter: The Grassroots newsletter will be mailed to you to keep you apprised of what's going on throughout the state, including information on regional events and federal updates.

Email and Fax Policy Alerts: You will receive the Hunger Alert emailed or faxed every month except for the months that the Grassroots newsletter is published. The alert will keep you abreast of the latest state policy debates impacting food, education, welfare and other essential services.

Notification of and Reduced Admission to HANNYS Events: Members are informed about HANNYS events in their areas (such as Food Stamp workshops or budget forums) and receive discounts to HANNYS' events.

Opportunities to Shape HANNYS' Policy Agenda: HANNYS members meet annually to share with us their insights on current policy issues and problems they see in the community. This feedback helps shape our legislative agenda and priorities for the year. Members also have the opportunity to help shape our strategic planning.

Assistance with Local Advocacy: HANNYS staff can provide advice and assistance to members who want help with:

- Local Press: media trainings or help with writing Letters to the Editor or organizing a press conference;
- Message Development: help with developing the message you want to convey to your legislator and the public; and
- Contacting your Legislator: we can help you contact elected representatives and set up and prepare for the meeting.

Yes! I want to join HANNYS!

Type of Membership: (circle one)

- Fixed/low-income, students
- Individual
- Small Organization (Budget \$250,000 or less)
- Medium Organization (Budget: \$250-\$750,000)
- Large Organization (Budget: above \$750,000)

Suggested Dues:

- \$5.00 or 5 volunteer hrs
- \$20.00 (usually \$30)
- \$35.00 (usually \$45)
- \$65.00 (usually \$75)
- \$140.00 (usually \$150)

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Please make check payable, and return form to: Hunger Action Network of New York State
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Community Food News

Save the Date! Hunger Action's 25th Anniversary Celebration, October 16

Our 25th Anniversary event will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 in New York City. We will be honoring Kathy Goldman, Founder and former Executive Director of Community Food Resource Center (CFRC) and Bill Ayres, Founder and Executive Director, World Hunger Year (WHY) with our "Salute to Anti-Hunger Leaders" award. Invitations will be sent out in September. We hope you will be able to join us!

Farm Bill Update

From the Food Research Action Center (FRAC)

Outlook: Congress has adjourned for its summer recess and Members are home through the Labor Day weekend. This period provides many opportunities for contact with Members of Congress and their staff and for media work.

Nutrition Title of House Bill a Good Start: Prior to its August adjournment, the House, on July 27 by a vote of 231 to 191, approved the Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007 (H.R. 2419) (the "Farm Bill"), which, among other provisions, invests \$4 billion over five years to improve Food Stamp Program benefits and access and raise funding for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

Senate Action Looming: Action now shifts to the Senate, where Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) continue to search for new money to invest in nutrition program improvements. It is crucial that Senators hear from organizations back home just how important added nutrition program investments are to providing a nutrition safety net for vulnerable people in their communities.

Timing: While no mark up date has been scheduled, with an October 1st due date for farm bill reauthorization looming, the Senate Agriculture Committee is expected to begin marking up a Committee bill soon after Congress returns in September. Congress is likely to extend Farm Bill programs under some type of a Continuing Resolution (CR) from October 1st through the period leading up to final passage of a new Farm Bill.

For more information, go to <http://www.frac.org/Legislative/farmBill2007/alerts/08.08.07.html>

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