



Hunger Impact Partners Co-Hosting Hunger Free Communities Summit 2018 in Minneapolis Oct. 2 and 3

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Minneapolis—Hunger Impact Partners (HIP), a Minneapolis-based non-profit focused on child hunger, is teaming up with the Alliance to End Hunger to host the national Hunger Free Communities Summit Oct. 2 and 3 at the Graduate Hotel in Minneapolis.

More than 200 people from around the country are expected to attend the conference, which is intended to engage stakeholders and to share best practices and showcase community initiatives that are contributing to solving hunger issues. The Summit will examine such topics as collective impact, human-centered design strategies, food system initiatives, health equity and more.

The Alliance to End Hunger formally launched the Hunger Free Communities Network™ initiative in 2010 in response to the need of community leaders across the country to learn best practices to help increase local food security. As the largest convener of Hunger Free Community efforts throughout the country, the Alliance is a broad membership organization of non-profits, faith-based organizations, corporations, universities and influencers.

Conference sessions will include speakers from around the country and small workshops. The kick-off luncheon on Oct. 2 will feature remarks from Katie Clark Sieben, Director of the Cargill Foundation, and will include a panel discussion on the “Return on Investment: A Case for Increasing Food Security.”

Other participants include experts from the Federal Reserve Bank, Feeding America, the University of Minnesota, the Cargill Foundation, the General Mills Foundation and representatives from Texas, Virginia, New York, Colorado, Washington, D.C., and Ohio.

Workshop themes include:

Encouraging Innovation: Innovative and transformative program frameworks and models for changing the landscape of hunger in America.

Hunger Free Communities Best Practice: Opportunity to learn effective practices for increasing food security through collaboration.

Child Hunger: Proven and effective policies, practices and programs for addressing child hunger in community settings.

Hunger Free Communities Intensive Training: Training on the core competencies needed to develop and/or manage new or established Hunger Free Community Coalitions.

“We are proud to be able to host this important national gathering so we can share ideas and gain new insights into how to improve nutrition and food security in our community, particularly for children, and around the country,” said Ellie Lucas, CEO of Hunger Impact Partners.

Hunger Impact Partners is a statewide non-profit focused on closing the meal gap for kids from birth to age 18. HIP partners with communities, schools, state agencies as well as the business and philanthropy sectors to increase access to nutritious food for Minnesota children who are struggling with food insecurity. HIP drives systemic and sustainable growth in targeted meal programs to reach all eligible kids by focusing on improving processes and capacity in existing programs and leveraging their federal dollars to sustainability. HIP’s guiding principle is: Kids should only be hungry to learn!

More about Hunger Impact Partners: <http://hungerimpactpartners.org/about-us/>

More information on Summit 2018: <http://alliancetoendhunger.org/what-we-do/hunger-free-communities/2018-hfc-summit/>