Now seeking nominations!

Women Stop Hunger Award

**THE LINK BETWEEN WOMEN AND HUNGER**

Women are too often victims of hunger. 60% of the world’s hungry are women. When a crisis hits, women are generally the first to sacrifice their food consumption in order to protect the food consumption of their families.

At the same time, women can be the key to fighting hunger in communities around the globe. Systemic solutions to hunger that engage women can often provide even more impactful results than those that seek to provide greater food access. For example, one study showed that women's education contributed 43 percent of the reduction in child malnutrition over time, while improving food availability accounted for 26 percent. Giving women farmers more resources could bring the number of hungry people in the world down by 100 - 150 million people and increasing family income by engaging women is shown to improve children’s health and nutrition.

**THE WOMEN STOP HUNGER AWARD**

To highlight the role of women in addressing hunger and to encourage greater adoption of initiatives that get women durably out of hunger, Stop Hunger is launching the new global “Women Stop Hunger Award.”

The award will be presented on March 8, 2017 at our annual Stop Hunger Foundation Dinner in Paris, France. The recipient will receive travel expenses to attend the dinner and a grant of up to 10 Thousand Euro to enhance their Stop Hunger initiative. Recipient must be available to attend the award ceremony.

**Award Criteria**

Stop Hunger will use the following criteria to select a woman or group of women on the front lines of fighting hunger in their community. The recipient(s) will have implemented an innovative and impactful solution that links empowerment of women to a measurable reduction of hunger in their community. The initiative will be led by women, for women. The following criteria will be considered:

Targeted. The initiative is helping a community with the greatest need, greatest resource constraints, and greatest rates of hunger.

Systemic: The initiative addresses the root causes of hunger, by leveraging the role of women as mothers, farmers, teachers, entrepreneurs and/or community leaders.

Impactful: The initiative has had a measurable impact on hunger in the community.

Innovative: The approach introduces a new idea or approach that has not yet been widely implemented, but holds great promise for future impact.

Scalable: The initiative provides a model that could be implemented in other communities.

**How to Nominate**

* Complete the attached nomination form to propose a candidate for consideration. You can submit up to 5 pages of supporting documentation.
* Send nomination to WomenStopHunger@stop-hunger.org
* All nominations are due by October 16, 2016.

**ABOUT STOP HUNGER**

For nearly 20 years, Stop Hunger has been working to reduce hunger based on a belief that providing food for everyone is possible!

The Stop Hunger story began in 1996 in the United States, where Sodexo employees in Boston decided that, as a food service company, we could not stand by as people go hungry.

Today, Stop Hunger is an independent organization, focused on three fields of intervention:

1. local community support to those most in need

2. support for social entrepreneurs

3. emergency assistance.

A strategy and the measuring of the effectiveness of actions undertaken in 48 countries have been implemented. Based on Sodexo’s ecosystem of its employees, clients, consumers, suppliers and shareholders, Stop Hunger has a single objective: to contribute to a hunger-free world.

Stop Hunger works to build partnerships together with local and international NGOs, including 860 local NGOs and associations that benefit from donations and skills-based volunteering. Stop Hunger has also partnered with the World Food Programme (WFP), the largest humanitarian agency fighting against hunger, which provides food assistance to some 80 million people in 80 countries each year. Stop Hunger also supports Ashoka, the world’s largest network of social entrepreneurs.

**Nomination Form**

**Women Stop Hunger Award 2017**

*Please submit form to WomenStopHunger@stop-hunger.org)*

 *By October 16, 2016*

**I nominate the following woman or group of women for the Women Stop Hunger Award :**

First Name(s):

Last Name(s):

Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**Nominated By:**

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

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**Reason for Nomination**

*Please describe why you are nominating this woman or group of women. What was the innovative and impactful initiaitive that linked empoerment of women to a measurable reduction of hunger in the community. Please describe how the initiative meets the criteria of :*

*Targeted,*

*Systemic,*

*Impactful,*

*Innovative, and*

*scalable.*

**Summary of the Initiative: Please limit your response to 150 words.**

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**How is the initiative targeted toward helping a community with the greatest need, greatest resource constraints, and greatest rates of hunger. Please limit your response to 150 words.**

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**How is the initiative systemic in addressing the root causes of hunger, by leveraging the role of women as mothers, farmers, teachers, entrepreneurs and/or community leaders? Please limit your response to 150 words.**

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**How is the initiative impactful with a measurable impact on hunger in the community? Please limit your response to 150 words.**

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**How is the initiative innovative by introducing a new idea or approach that has not yet been widely implemented, but holds great promise for future impact? Please limit your response to 150 words.**

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**Scalable: The initiative provides a model that could be implemented in other communities. Please limit your response to 150 words.**

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**Any other comments about why the nominee(s) should be considered as an inspirational example of how empowering women can put an end to hunger in the community. Please limit your response to 150 words.**

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**Attachments**

You may attach up to 5 pages of supporting documentation.