

# Speakers, Presenters & Facilitators

*A heartfelt thank you to the many speakers, presenters and facilitators for sharing their valuable experience, insights, and best practices. Your contributions help us learn and grow, enabling us to better serve our communities, steward resources, and nurture relationships as we continue feeding our neighbors with dignity and compassion.*



**Paulina Baker, Farm to Families Coordinator, REAP Food Group**

Paulina is a community organizer with a passion for food sovereignty and strong, local food systems. She works with REAP Food Group on programs that help feed families by connecting them to local farmers and chefs through culturally-rooted foods. As REAP's procurement specialist and events coordinator, she brings together the broader community of eaters around educational and (local) food-oriented activities. She hopes to continue her work in uplifting community voices to build an equitable local food system that feeds everyone.



**Carmen Baldwin, Community Nutrition Manager, Hunger Task Force**

Carmen has worked at Hunger Task Force since 2024. Formerly the Community Dietetic Technician with My Choice Wisconsin, Baldwin holds a BA in Communications from Mount Mary University and an associate's degree in applied science of dietetics from Milwaukee Area Technical College.



**Kyle Buehner, Food Procurement Manager, Hunger Task Force**

As the Food Procurement Manager, Kyle is responsible for assuring an array of healthy foods are offered to Hunger Task Force's network of food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Kyle provides strategic analysis on inventory supplies, forecasts future food needs and makes all food purchases for the food bank. He is responsible for providing all administrative support and decision making for food inventory management within the federal commodity programs TEFAP and CSFP.



**Allen Castillo, Public Policy & Outreach Manager, Hunger Task Force**

Allen began his career with Hunger Task Force in 2021 as a FoodShare Advocate and now leads outreach strategy, builds community partnerships and advances policies to improve access to healthy food across Wisconsin. Having grown up on SNAP, Allen brings lived experience to his role and a deep understanding of the program's importance. Being Filipino, Allen's passion for food is deeply cultural. When he visits family, the first words he hears are, "Did you eat?" That question reflects the way food has always been more than just a meal in his family; it's care, community, and love. For Allen, those three words translate directly into his work—helping people find their next meal and the dignity that comes with it.



**Selena Darrow, Founder and Executive Director, Rooted In, Inc.**

Selena Darrow has over 35 years of experience in the food service industry. She is the Founder and Executive Director of the nonprofit, Rooted In, Inc. She runs her own culinary consulting business, Culinary Innovations, and is the co-facilitator of the Brown County Hunger Coalition.



**Amber Daugs, CEO & Founder, Grow it Forward**

Amber Daugs is the CEO and Founder of Grow It Forward, a nonprofit food hub in Manitowoc dedicated to providing dignified access to quality local food. Her passion for food and housing security stems from her own experiences with homelessness and food insecurity. Over the past ten years, she has led the creation of a community garden, hydroponic farm, food pantry, community meal program, cafe and winter farmers' market, to name a few. Amber also co-owns Little Sprouts Farm and Hot Daugs with her husband Brad, and is a strong advocate for sustainability, local food systems and housing advocacy.

**Melanie Foland, Child Nutrition Educator, Hunger Task Force**

Melanie is responsible for planning and delivering nutrition education to local students. Through hands-on experiences, she teaches students what nutritious food is, why it matters, how to grow it, and how to prepare it in appealing ways. From classrooms cooking in the kitchen to tending the school garden, a core focus of Melanie's work is empowering children in meaningful, age-appropriate ways to make healthier choices. Her goal is to help foster lifelong healthy habits and reduce the risk of diet-related diseases and chronic illnesses later in life.

**Shelly Fortner, Executive Director, Hunger Task Force of La Crosse**

Shelly has been the Executive Director of The Hunger Task Force of La Crosse for over 18 years. The Hunger Task Force operates a Food Recovery Program, a Community Garden and a Senior Stockbox Program. She holds a degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and has worked in social services with special emphasis on food programs since 1997. Shelly is an advocate for food insecure individuals and works to ensure the communities she serves have the healthy foods they need to thrive.

**Jonathan Hansen, Chief Strategy Officer, Hunger Task Force**

As Chief Strategy Officer, Jonathan oversees the planning, development and execution of Hunger Task Force's strategic plan, financial and resource development and all agency programmatic activities. Jonathan earned an MA from UW-Milwaukee and joined Hunger Task Force in 2009.

**Kelli Hirt, MPH, Director of WI Food and Nutrition Services, Vivent Health**

Kelli is a public health enthusiast who is dedicated to positively changing the way America thinks about and consumes food. She approaches her work using a social determinants of health lens and believes everyone should have access to nutrient dense, affordable and culturally specific food. Food is her favorite topic, both personally and professionally, and she has been fortunate to work in the food system for over 10 years.

**Bob Hornacek, Assistant Executive Director, Paul's Pantry**

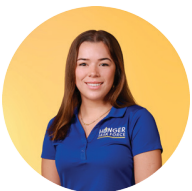
After spending two decades as a broadcast journalist and investigative reporter, Bob entered the hunger relief world in 2019. He currently works as the assistant executive director of Paul's Pantry in Green Bay - a 100% community-supported, free grocery store for families in need in Brown County. Bob and his wife Jennifer have four adult sons. He is also an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church serving at St. Matthew Parish.

**Michael Jonas, Food Bank Director, Hunger Task Force**

Since beginning at Hunger Task Force in 1996, Michael "Jonas" experience in development, operational standards and nutritional food distribution provides a distinct perspective to support anti-hunger advocates to better serve their community. He works with a team of seasoned staff members who ensure that a supply of high-quality, nutritional food is available for free to families and seniors in need.

**Matt King, Chief Executive Officer, Hunger Task Force**

As Chief Executive Officer, Matt leads Hunger Task Force as the key decision-maker and strategist. He has nearly 20 years in anti-hunger leadership. Matt was a Congressional Hunger Fellow and earned a MBA from Cardinal Stritch University. He joined Hunger Task Force in 2012.

**Leah Kostos, Community Nutrition Educator, Hunger Task Force**

Leah assists with teaching community nutrition classes at Milwaukee County Senior Centers and community organizations, leads community cooking classes and distributes food samplings at pantry network sites. She previously served as a nutrition education intern and farm hand on the Hunger Task Force Farm. Leah holds an MBA and a bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics from Dominican University. She is also certified in Personal Training from the National Academy of Sports Medicine. Leah joined Hunger Task Force in March 2025.



**Mark Lisowski, Hunger Relief Federation Organizer, Hunger Task Force**

Mark has been the Hunger Relief Federation Organizer since October 2022. Previously, he worked for three years with a small Milwaukee nonprofit focused on community organizing and neighborhood safety. He obtained his BA from Ripon College and MA from Marquette University, and served as an AmeriCorps volunteer. He is passionate about public service and advocacy and enjoys giving back through his work with the Federation.



**Kim Muench, Development Director, Hunger Task Force**

Kim leads Hunger Task Force's Development department, overseeing the agency's resource development, donor relations and stewardship activities. She also manages corporate partnership, the Volunteer Program and signature programs and events. Kim joined Hunger Task Force in 2024.



**Larry Peterson, Manager of Resurrection Lutheran Food Pantry**

Larry currently manages Resurrection Lutheran Food Pantry in Green Bay, a 100% volunteer-based organization, and is co-facilitator of the Brown County Hunger Coalition. He trained and worked as a process engineer, then worked in sales, later became a customer service supervisor and finally became a business analyst. He is now retired and giving his time to help the food insecure in Brown County.



**Tania Ramsey, Child Nutrition Organizer, Hunger Task Force**

Tania is passionate about alleviating childhood hunger across Wisconsin. She joins the team with eight years of experience in human services. Tania holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in human services from Springfield College. Tania is responsible for growing participation in federal nutrition programs such as the School Breakfast Program, Summer Meals Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. She joined Hunger Task Force in 2024.



**Camille Robert-Quakkelaar, Major Gifts Officer, Hunger Task Force**

Camille joined Hunger Task Force in February 2025. A proud UW-Madison Badger, she brings six years of development experience in higher education. In her role, Camille is responsible for growing, developing, and stewarding Hunger Task Force's individual donor base. She also supports agency events and key development activities to increase support of Hunger Task Force. Camille is passionate about working to get healthy, dignified, culturally relevant food to everyone.



**Tara Roberts-Turner, General Manager, Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative**

Tara is a founding member of Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative (WFHC). She currently serves as General Manager for WFHC and previously as the WFHC President of the Board of Directors. Tara has worked in project management, education, and business. Tara also co-manages Turners Fresh Market with her family. She has a Master's from Tufts University in Public Policy and a BS in Physiology from Boston University. Tara currently resides in Central Wisconsin with her spouse and three children.



**Imelda Román, Site Developer, Hunger Task Force**

Imelda joined Hunger Task Force in April of 2014, bringing with her over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit arena. Imelda initially worked as an Advocate for individuals that needed assistance in applying for FoodShare and other governmental benefit programs. She then moved on to become a Site Developer and works with pantries, meal sites and shelters that distribute TEFAP commodities and centers that distribute CSFP/Stockboxes in the Milwaukee County area.

**Liz Seefeldt, Executive Director, The BRICK**

Liz is a purposeful thinker known for careful planning and innovative observations. She emphasizes cooperation and inclusion, blending diplomacy and candor. An active community leader, she served as the Clerk for the Town of Kelly in Bayfield County, Wisconsin for 22 years before retiring in 2023. Liz is a lifelong volunteer, having served with numerous and varied nonprofit organizations at every organizational level. The unique culture and landscape of Lake Superior and Wisconsin's Northwoods are dear to her heart.

**Will Skrundz, Donor Database Manager, Hunger Task Force.**

With 6 years of non-profit database management experience, Will is responsible for overseeing all of the agency's donation and donor records and information, mailing solicitation efforts and fundraising analysis. Prior to Hunger Task Force, Will spent several years in the tech sector at both startups and publicly traded companies assisting in QA and customer success. He received his B.S. in Sport Management from University of Wisconsin, La Crosse in 2014. He has been with Hunger Task Force since October 2022.

**Ryan Sullivan, Sullivan Family Farms**

Ryan retired from the Air Force after 26 years and started his second career as a regenerative farmer. He and his wife Jackie established Sullivan Family Farm in the Manitowoc area in 2014. They raise poultry, lamb, beef and a variety of fruits and vegetables using organic and regenerative soil building practices.

**Dr. Reno Wright, Public Policy & Advocacy Director, Hunger Task Force**

Reno brings more than 27 years of leadership in human services, workforce development and education, with extensive experience in program administration, policy analysis, and implementation. As Public Policy & Advocacy Director at Hunger Task Force, he leads federal and statewide initiatives to strengthen nutrition programs for children, families and seniors. Dr. Wright holds doctorate degrees in education and ministry and joined Hunger Task Force in 2023.

**April Yancer, Farm to School and Institution Program Specialist, Division of Agricultural Development**

April is the Farm to School and Institution Program Specialist with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. She works with wholesale buyers for institutions, serves as a consultant for growers and owned/operated her own farm. She supports statewide and county-based efforts on assessing, planning and implementing a variety of strategies of Farm to School and Institution programs.

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