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Food Bank announces winners of Child Hunger Hero Silver Awards

PITTSBURGH, PA (March 16, 2022) You don't need superpowers to be a hero to kids. Nearly 100,000 children in the Greater Pittsburgh region go to bed worried about their next meal, but Child Hunger Heroes work every day to help close that gap. Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (The Food Bank) is proud to announce the winners of this year's Child Hunger Hero Silver Awards (CHH).

This year's CHH award winners were evaluated on their involvement in programs including school meals, summer food, afterschool meals, weekend backpacks and school pantry programs. Many have overcome severe challenges throughout the pandemic, including staff shortages, food supply issues and feeding kids during remote learning. This dedication to making sure kids get food is critical to the health and wellness of our community where one in five children live with hunger.

"Despite pandemic challenges, these courageous school districts rose to the occasion and won the victory as a Child Hunger Hero! These award winners have thought creatively and worked tirelessly to ensure that children in our community have enough healthy food to eat," said Food Bank Director of Child Nutrition Programs Karen Dreyer.

This year's Hunger Hero Silver award winners are:

Baldwin-Whitehall School District, Deer Lakes School District, Gateway School District, Penn Hills School District, Armstrong School District, Kiski Area School District, Forest Hills School District, Brownsville Area School District, Penns Manor Area School District, Purchase Line School District, United School District, Laurel School District, Windber Area School District, North Hills Cares, Chevy Chase Community Center, Camp Harmony, Somerset Anglican, and Strive For A Better Tomorrow (DBA) The United Futures' Foundation.

To learn more about each individual award winner and the unique programs they bring to children, visit <https://pittsburghfoodbank.org/what-we-do/kids/child-hunger-heroes/>

About Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that distributes food for more than 45 million meals annually across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania through a network of more than 850 agencies, partners and programs. The Food Bank was founded in 1980 and is a member of Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the U.S. For more information on hunger in our region or how to get involved, visit pittsburghfoodbank.org.