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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Food Bank announces winners of Child Hunger Hero Awards

**PITTSBURGH, PA (March 9th, 2022)** Nearly 100,000 children in the Greater Pittsburgh area go to bed worried about their next meal, but Child Hunger Heroes work every day to help close that gap. This March, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is proud to recognize schools and community sponsors who have gone above and beyond to serve meals to kids through the Child Hunger Hero Award Program. (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.

"We are so excited to be celebrating our Child Hunger Heroes who have thought creatively and worked tirelessly to ensure that children in our community have enough healthy food to eat. They have showed up and not given up despite many challenges, and they have used their super powers to strengthen our schools and communities," said Food Bank Director of Child Nutrition Programs Karen Dreyer.

The Food Bank is announcing gold, silver and bronze CHH award winners throughout the month of March. This year's **gold** winners of the CHH awards are:

Pittsburgh Public Schools  
Greater Johnstown School District  
Cambria County Child Development Corporation  
East End United Community Center  
Trinity Area School District  
Beaver County YMCA  
YMCA of Indiana County.

Stay tuned next week as the Food Bank announces the silver winners of this year's CHH awards.

To learn the stories of this year's Child Hunger Heroes, please visit [pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org)

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**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](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org).