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

**PITTSBURGH, PA (February 16, 2023)** Almost 16 percent of children in the southwestern Pennsylvania area go to bed worried about their next meal, but Child Hunger Heroes work every day to help close that gap.

This February, 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).

“In a year when there were regular staff shortages and food supply chain challenges, our Child Hunger Heroes were creative, persistent and diligent. They showed up to ensure kids in our region had enough healthy food to eat. We are so grateful for them, and we know their investment in kids has strengthened the future of our region for years to come,” said Food Bank Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Karen Dreyer.

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 including staff shortages, food supply issues and the end of communal free lunches at school. This dedication to making sure kids get food is critical to the health and wellness of our community.

The Food Bank is proud to announce gold, silver and bronze CHH award winner. For contact information for local winners, please contact Beth Burrell.

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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 42 million meals annually across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania through a network of more than 1,000 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).

**Gold Winners**

Pittsburgh Public Schools	Allegheny
Greater Johnstown School District	Cambria
New Castle Area School District	Lawrence
Trinity Area School District	Washington
North Hills Cares	Allegheny
Beaver County YMCA	Beaver
YMCA of Indiana County	Indiana
Lawrence County Community Action Partnership	Lawrence
Camp Harmony	Somerset
Strive For a Better Tomorrow	Washington

**Silver Winners**

Deer Lakes School District	Allegheny
Armstrong School District	Armstrong
Kiski Area School District	Armstrong
Big Beaver Falls Area School District	Beaver
Rochester Area School District	Beaver
Forest Hills School District	Cambria
Carmichaels Area School District	Greene
Penns Manor Area School District	Indiana
United School District	Indiana
Laurel School District	Lawrence
United Methodist Church Union	Allegheny
Flood City Youth Fitness Academy	Cambria

**Bronze Winners**

Avonworth School District	Allegheny
Clairton City School District	Allegheny
Plum Borough School District	Allegheny
Sto-Rox School District	Allegheny
Yeshiva Schools	Allegheny
Freeport Area School District	Armstrong
Ambridge Area School District	Beaver
Conemaugh Valley Area School District	Cambria
Ferndale Area School District	Cambria
Southmoreland School District	Fayette
Central Greene School District	Greene
Homer Center School District	Indiana
Marion Center Area School District	Indiana
Shade-Central City School District	Somerset
Windber Area School District	Somerset