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Dallas Hunger Summit



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PRESENTED BY THE
DALLAS COALITION FOR HUNGER SOLUTIONS

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

WELCOME

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson and the Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions welcome you to the eighth annual Dallas Hunger Summit. We come together this year committed to ensuring that the 485,000 residents in Dallas County who are food insecure can go from hunger to health. By uniting our different talents, resources, and experiences, we can help all of our fellow community members have the nutritious food they need to be healthy and productive. We hope you will leave today educated, energized, and eager to join us in this movement.

ABOUT DCHS

The Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions (DCHS), chaired by U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson, is a coalition of organizations and individuals whose mission is to empower residents of Dallas County to gain equal access to healthy food. The Coalition was launched out of the first Hunger Summit in November of 2011 and is staffed by the Dallas Regional office of the Texas Hunger Initiative, a project of Baylor University.

The Coalition works through five Action Teams focused on the strategic priorities of child hunger, senior hunger, urban agriculture, faith-community engagement, and public policy. Over 200 individuals and organizations have participated in one of these Action Teams. To learn more about how to get involved in an Action Team, contact Wyonella Henderson-Greene, Coalition Coordinator, at wyonella_henderson-greene@baylor.edu. You can also find more information about DCHS at www.dallashungersolutions.org.

DCHS Leadership Team Members

Beth Dexter, Parkland Foundation
Dabney Dwyer, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, Faith Community Co-Chair
Donald Wesson, Baylor Scott & White Health and Wellness Center
Heather Lepeska, City of Dallas
Jana Jackson, Dallas Baptist Association, Faith Community Co-Chair
Jenny Eyer, Children at Risk, Child Hunger Co-Chair
Katie Dickinson, The Senior Source, Senior Hunger Chair
Loretta Landry, Child Poverty Action Lab
Mark Edwards, Dallas County Health and Human Services, Older Adult Services
Catherine Nicholson, Texas Hunger Initiative - Dallas
Sara Albert, Food Law and Policy Consultancy, Public Policy Chair
Ashley Douglas, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
Susie Marshall, GROW North Texas, Urban Agriculture Chair
Valerie Hawthorne, North Texas Food Bank

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome**
Jeremy Everett, Executive Director, Texas Hunger Initiative
Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Texas 30th District, DCHS Chair
State Fair of Texas
- Looking at Healthy Food Access and Community Health through an Equity Lens, and Innovative Solutions from Local, State, and National Best Practices**
Yvette Wingate, Ed.D., Tarrant County Public Health, Equity and Community Engagement Coordinator
- Distinguished Panel on Building a Healthier Environment: Policy, Infrastructure, and Systems**
Panel moderator: Sara Albert, J.D., LL.M., Food Law and Policy, DCHS Leadership Team
See "Speakers" insert for information on panelists.
- 11:00 a.m. Passport to Community Wellness: An Opportunity to Get Involved and Level the Field**
Yolanda Perez, DCHS Leadership Alumni
- 11:30 a.m. Chow and Conversation**
- 12:30 p.m. Why the Census Matters to Food Insecurity and Decision Making for North Texas**
Valerie Hawthorne, Ph.D., Government Relations Director, North Texas Food Bank, DCHS Leadership Team
- The Census as a Tool for Creating Equitable Communities: Overview, Implications, and the Basis for Success**
Arturo Vargas, CEO, NALEO Educational Fund and National Association of Latino Elected Officials
- 2020 Dallas Census Implementation: How you Can Help!**
Edward Turner, Census Coordinator, City of Dallas
- 1:30 p.m. Introduction of Closing Speaker**
Dabney Dwyer, DCHS Leadership Team and Coalition Founding Member
- Ending an American Crisis**
Jeremy Everett, Executive Director, Texas Hunger Initiative
- Raffle and Final Remarks**
Yolanda Perez, DCHS Leadership Alumni
- 2:00 p.m. Adjourn**

"During today's event, graduate students from the UT Southwestern School of Health Professions are exhibiting research posters in the lobby. Please stop by, visit with them, and learn about their results."

SPEAKERS

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Jeremy Everett is the Founder and Executive Director of the Texas Hunger Initiative (THI), a capacity-building, anti-hunger project within Baylor University. Prior to THI, Jeremy worked for international and community development organizations as a teacher, religious leader, community organizer, and organic farmer. He serves on the Baptist World Alliance's Commission on Social and Economic Justice, the Aspen Institute's dialogue on U.S. Food Security and Healthcare Costs, and as an appointee by U.S. Congress to the National Commission on Hunger. Everett is the author of *I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis*.

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Loretta Landry is the Senior Director at the Child Poverty Action Lab (CPAL), an organization with a dedicated team to assist Dallas leaders in reducing child poverty by half over the next 20 years. Prior to joining CPAL, Loretta worked as Statewide Director of Child Hunger Strategy for Baylor University's Texas Hunger Initiative. She worked directly with school districts, government and nonprofits to support the creation of alternative service models resulting in tens of thousands more meals served to low income children daily. In partnership with the Food Research and Action Center, she created the Excellence in Summer Meals Campaign, an award-winning, best practice evaluation and incentive program. Loretta serves on the Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions' Leadership Team.

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Sara M. Albert, J.D., LL.M. is a food policy consultant who has aligned her legal background with an interest in food system reform. She holds an advanced legal degree in Agricultural and Food Law. Albert specializes in the development of policy reform related to hunger and food security; healthy food access; improving local and regional food systems; urban agriculture; food waste and recovery; and food as a driver for community reinvigoration and economic development. She is a member of the DCHS Leadership Team.

Susan J. Williams is the Associate State Director of Advocacy and Outreach for AARP Texas. She works with volunteers and community partners in the DFW area supporting AARP initiatives, grassroots advocacy and community building efforts. Priority areas of focus include livable communities, senior fraud protection, caregiving, economic security and building Age Friendly Communities. Susan has been with AARP for over 16 years. She joined AARP after a long career in telecommunications; government affairs, public relations, marketing and volunteer management.

Valerie Borum Smith, MD, FAAP is a pediatrician at St. Paul Children's Foundation in Tyler, Texas where she leads the Community-Centered Health Home Initiative. Dr. Smith chairs the Smith County Food Security Council and serves on the board of the East Texas Food Bank. Her current work focuses on coalition building and implementing organizational and systems-level changes in healthcare to address food insecurity. She holds numerous civic positions including on the Texas Medical Association Council on Science and Public Health. Dr. Smith is active in pediatric health advocacy, regularly testifies for the Texas legislature and authors editorials for the Dallas Morning News.

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Yvette M. Wingate, Ed. D. is the Health Equity Coordinator for Tarrant County Public Health where she has served for 20 years. She presents and trains on health equity and disparities, and health literacy. She also facilitates conversations on cultural competence, cultural humility, diversity, roots of health inequities, social justice and the incorporation of culturally and linguistically appropriate standards in public health. Dr. Wingate is a former Community Fellow in the Steps Toward Academic Research Fellowship Program and 2019 Tarrant County Leadership ISD Civic Voices Fellow. Dr. Wingate also coordinated the development and implementation of the Tarrant County Community Health Improvement Plan .

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