2014 HUMAN NEEDS HERO RECEPTION



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS
HONORING:
JIM WEILL



JULY 23, 2014

The 1.6 million members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO,

congratulate

Jim Weill

President, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)

2014 Human Needs Hero

Presented by the

Coalition on Human Needs

July 23, 2014

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Thank you for championing low-income and other vulnerable populations.



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Chair, Board of Directors, Coalition on Human Needs

Director of Government Affairs

Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)

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National League of Cities

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Executive Director

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Poverty Law)

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U.S. House of Representatives

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Deborah Weinstein

Executive Director

Coalition on Human Needs

Ellen Teller

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Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)

Honoree:

Jim Weill

President

Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)

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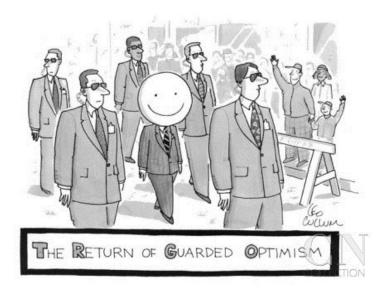
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For our heroic staff:

Deborah Weinstein, Richelle Friedman, Kelly Wilkins, Lecia Imbery, Joanna Sandager, Alyson Brozovich, Natalie Kramer The inscription on the Coalition on Human Needs' 2014
Human Needs Hero Award to Jim Weill reads:



Coalition on Human Needs Human Needs Hero Award

Presented to

James Weill

Even in the most challenging times, your wisdom, unflagging commitment, and exemplary leadership are grounds for unguarded optimism for a future without hunger and poverty.

July 23, 2014

The **Coalition on Human Needs** is very grateful for the support of the following contributors for this event:

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RESULTS

Jim has made it a priority to protect and defend the needs of children and families throughout his career.

We're proud to stand with him.



Congratulations, Jim, from your friends on the FRAC Board of Directors.

You are a true human needs hero.

Jim Weill

Over his long career as a social justice advocate, Jim Weill has held a variety of policy advocacy, research and litigation leadership positions. His work throughout has been directed at reducing U.S.



hunger and poverty, protecting the legal rights of lowincome people, expanding health insurance coverage, and building economic security and food security.

After law school Jim worked for over a decade at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, for most of that time as Deputy Director and Director of Federal Litigation and Special Impact Projects. He was counsel in several cases on plenary review in the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing two of them; was lead counsel on several cases in the Federal Court of Appeals; and oversaw the Foundation's team of attorneys handling more than 100 federal class action and impact cases on Social Security, Medicaid, AFDC, Food Stamps, housing assistance, unemployment insurance, other public benefits, immigration, and prisoners' rights, and challenges to discrimination against racial minorities, women and children born out of wedlock.

From 1982 to 1998, Jim was Program Director and General Counsel of the Children's Defense Fund, where he provided leadership on: Medicaid expansion, enactment of CHIP, the Vaccines for Children Program, and three major Earned Income Tax Credit expansions; initiatives in

child care, child support enforcement, income support nutrition and federal budget issues; and work on children's rights.

Jim has been President of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) since 1998. During that time FRAC has led efforts to expand participation and improve benefits in key anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs, with particular emphasis on SNAP (food stamps), school lunch and breakfast, afterschool and summer food programs, child care food, WIC, and income supports like the refundable Child Tax Credit. FRAC also has greatly strengthened its network of state and local partners and launched anti-hunger advocacy groups in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Jim is chair of the Children's Leadership Council, the coalition of national children's groups, and a member of the board of the National Center for Youth Law. He serves on the advisory council to the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families.

Jim was a member of the founding boards of the National Clearinghouse for Legal Services (now the Shriver Center) and the Poverty & Race Research Action Council; chaired the Alliance for Justice for more than a dozen years (and still chairs the AFJ Action Council); and served for many years on the boards of OMB Watch, the Illinois Civil Liberties Union, and the National Health Law Program. He has served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the UNICEF Executive Board.

Jim has a B.A. from Cornell University and a J.D. from NYU.

Congratulations to **Jim Weill**

Y our relentless dedication to social and economic justice over many decades is a model for us all. From your deep roots in legal aid to your passionate advocacy on behalf of better policies for poor families and children, you have been an effective and visionary leader and a moral compass for our community. Your work has improved the lives of millions of vulnerable Americans. It is an honor to call you our colleague and friend.

With gratitude and respect,

The Staff of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities



Jim,

"The Force" has been with you long before you acquired your light saber.

For decades you have been a beacon of light for anti-hunger & anti-poverty advocates across the country.

Kudos to CHN for shining the spotlight on YOU and celebrating your incredible leadership.

With gratitude and affection, ET Ellen Teller CHN Board FRAC

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Your Children: Andy, Pam and Jennie and Your Grandchildren: Sam and Robby



for his unshakeable commitment and years of service to fighting hunger and poverty.



National Housing Trust

Congratulates
Jim Weill

2014 Human Needs Hero

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On behalf of our nation's infants. toddlers, children, and youth, the CLC congratulates Jim Weill, CHN Human Needs Hero. With respect and admiration, we thank you for your dedication to improving the health, well-being, and futures of our nation's children.

Congratulations to Jim!

He is unique: one of the top litigators in legal aid; a superior lawyer; a great policy advocate for children and those who need food assistance; and an effective director of a terrific organization.

Alan Houseman

Congratulations to Jim Weill whose unwavering commitment to social justice continues to teach and inspire all of us.

Love and respect, Annie Burns and John Monahan Your friends at the

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

IIM WEILL

PRESIDENT, FOOD RESEARCH AND ACTION CENTER

2014 HUMAN NEEDS **HERO**





Congratulations!

The Center for Community Change is thrilled to celebrate Jim Weill alongside the Coalition on Human Needs. We look forward to continued partnership in the years ahead.

> Deepak Bhargava, Executive Director Mary Lassen, Managing Director Deepak Pateriya, Chief of Staff

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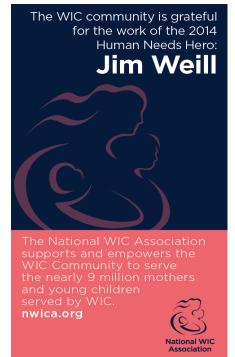
CHC salutes Jim Weill for his dedication to improving the lives of low income people in the U.S. through his work as a legal service attorney, his leadership at the Children's Defense Fund and at FRAC.

Bread for the World Congratulates

Jim Weill

for his many years of leadership within the anti-hunger community.









Congratulations, Jim Weill, 2014 Human Needs Hero!

Fair Share Education Fund is proud to partner with FRAC and the Coalition on Human Needs in the fight to end childhood hunger.

www.FairShareEdFund.org

honoring
JIM WEILL

Smart,
Savvy,
Creative,
Indefatigable,
Passionate,
Accomplished



with Respect and Love,

Matthew Melmed and the Staff of ZERO TO THREE





National Immigration Law Center thanks

Coalition on Human Needs

for its partnership in bringing economic and social justice to all low income families

and congratulates Jim Weill 2014 Human Needs Hero



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In gratitude to the work of Jim Weill, the fabulous FRAC team, and the great folks at the Coalition on **Human Needs**

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Half in Ten thanks the Coalition on Human Needs for our many years of partnership and honors Jim Weill and FRAC for their longstanding commitment to fighting hunger and creating greater economic security for all.

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The Academy thanks Jim Weill for his exemplary leadership of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) and tireless advocacy to end hunger throughout his career. It is our privilege to honor Jim Weill as our 2014 Human Needs Hero.

Nan Aron & Bernie Arons congratulate



For unmatched devotion to our society's most vulnerable and an unwavering commitment to end hunger and economic insecurity.

he Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is extremely proud to honor Jim Weill's exceptional leadership in pursuing justice for poor and low-income children and adults for almost four decades. His exemplary legal and advocacy skills evident at CDF, the Legal Assistance Foundation and more recently at the Food Research and Action Center clearly demonstrate his passion and commitment to the most

vulnerable in America, His urgency and persistence have benefited millions. Children's Defense Fund









Helping people live happier, healthier lives.

Nestlé is proud to support the Coalition on Human Needs as they honor Jim Weill, an unwavering advocate for anti-hunger strategies and a true Human Needs Hero.





The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights salutes Jim Weill, CHN's 2014 Human Needs Hero, for his leadership in the fight to end hunger in the United States.



Thank You, Jim!

For your partnership to make sure more children and youth have access to afterschool and summer meals.

Congratulations.

Your friends at the



Afterschool Alliance



CONGRATULATIONS
FROM THE STAFF OF THE
NATIONAL LOW
INCOME HOUSING
COALITION

Celebrating Jim Weill

For decades of advocacy and victories on behalf of struggling families and hungry children in America's cities and towns.







The Community Action
Partnership thanks the
Coalition on Human Needs
for the important work it
does every day. Thank
you Jim Weil and FRAC for
joining us in the fight
against hunger.

Previous Human Needs Hero

<u>Honorees</u>		
	2004	Human Needs
		Community Washington DC Interns
	2005	Kay Bengston

Sharon Daly

2007 Robert Greenstein

2006

2008 MaryLee Allen2009 Deborah Weinstein

2010 Christine Owens

2011 American Federation of

State, County, and Municipal Employees

(AFSCME)

2012 Alan Houseman

2013 United We Dream and NETWORK: A National

Catholic Social Justice Lobby



Admirers

Thank you for a lifetime of leadership fighting hunger. Barry Sackin

The AIDS Institute congratulates Jim Weill on this great achievement, and thanks him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of low-income people across the country.

IWPR stands with CHN to salute Jim Weill for his exemplary leadership of the Food Research and Action Center and tireless advocacy to reduce hunger and its root cause, poverty. For reliable research that addresses the needs of women and families, please visit www.iwpr.org.

Congratulations Jim on this well-deserved recognition. Thanks for the leadership and inspiration you have given to the anti-hunger movement. Your friends at MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Congratulations and thank you for your unwavering commitment to insuring that no child suffers from hunger and food insecurity. **CCFP Roundtable**

Congratulations Jim, from **Oregon Food Bank**. The impact of your commitment to ending hunger is felt from coast to coast.

Congratulations Jim! A well deserved honor for all your years of devoted service. Your old friends **Sue and Alan**

On behalf of our statewide network of emergency food providers & high-need schools, **Northwest Harves**t congratulates Jim, a true Human Needs Hero! Thank you for your dedication & guidance to all who advocate for hungry families in need. From our Washington to yours.

Jim, thank you for your leadership and outstanding advocacy in working to expand access to food and other services to vulnerable families and individuals. **Richelle Friedman**

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. The Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger

NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby CONGRATULATES and thanks Jim Weill for his tremendous work to ensure food for all. Thank you CHN and FRAC for your leadership.

Mazel Tov to Jim Weill and to the Coalition on Human Needs for championing and building a society that upholds human dignity. With affection and admiration, your friends at **Bend the Arc: a Jewish Partnership for Justice**.

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania, a program of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, sends gratitude for his work and heartfelt congratulations to Jim Weill.

Congratulations, Jim! Recognition could not go to a better guy! Lawrence Johnston

To the preeminent anti-hunger leader in the nation, Jim Weill: Congratulations on your decades of accomplishments on behalf of poor children and families and for this CHN honor! Warmest wishes from your friends at **Council for a Strong America**

Jim -- Thank you for your decades of steadfast advocacy on behalf of vulnerable children and all who need nutrition assistance.

Fran Bernstein

The **Central PA Food Bank** commends Jim Weil for his unflagging dedication to ending hunger. He inspires grassroots organizations and ensures that advocacy and public policy is accessible. Congratulations Jim!

The **Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC** thanks Jim for his dedication and congratulates him as the 2014 CHN Human Needs Hero.

Congratulations and thank you to Jim for decades of wonderful work for justice. **Marian and Peter Edelman**

Congratulations to Jim Weill for being named Human Needs Hero 2014 and for long championing the cause of hunger relief. **Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance**

Hooray for Jim Weill! Stunningly smart and strategic, unfailingly kind and funny, and rare for Washington, modest! We are all so lucky to have Jim! **Sharon and Bill Daly**

Congratulations Superhero Jim! From Kim & the CA Justice League

You shine as a beacon of steadfast and effective advocacy. Congratulations, Jim! **Christian Dorsey, Economic Policy Institute**

Congratulations Jim from your friends in Connecticut. Thank you for your voice and leadership! **End Hunger CT! Board & Staff**

There is no doubt about it – I'd want you on my side for your sharp intellect, persistence and wonderful humor to keep us all going. You are the best. In solidarity, **Carol Regan**

Congratulations to Jim for providing great leadership and vision in the struggle to end hunger in the country. The staff and board at the Illinois Hunger Coalition, on behalf of our members throughout the great state of Illinois, thank you for all that you have done to promote permanent solutions to eliminating the causes of hunger. Illinois Hunger Coalition - Chicago and Marion IL

Nowhere is Jim Weill's tikkun olam more important than in Mississippi. Thank you from the **Public Policy Center**. Connecting Mississippi on the web, Facebook and Twitter.

Congratulations, Jim! Your consistent, wise and strong advocacy on behalf of the nation's most vulnerable has been an inspiration. Your leadership has helped make FRAC the "go to" resource for the **Association of Arizona Food Banks** and advocates throughout the country.

Congratulations Jim Weill for being honored as the 2014 Human Needs Hero! You have given so much to advocacy organizations like ours throughout your career and we thank you for working with us to make some "damn good" progress on ending hunger and malnutrition in our country. **Hunger Free Vermont**

Jim Weill you are a superstar in a suit & you have almost as much grit as the 79 moms & dads of Witnesses to Hunger put together. Thanks Jim for all that you do! From **Witnesses to Hunger**, and the staff at the **Center for Hunger-Free Communities**.

Millions of Americans gather around dinner tables tonight, sitting down to a nutritious meal because of Jim Weill's dedication to antihunger work. **Kathy Underhill**

The **New Jersey Anti-Hunger Coalition** congratulates Jim on his well deserved receipt of the 2014 Human Needs Hero Award and thanks him for his many years of advocacy working to end childhood hunger.

With admiration for a lifetime of fighting for justice. **Joel Berg, Executive Director of the NYC Coalition Against Hunger**

Jim - Honoring a lifetime of advocacy and a legacy of progress. You are a true Champion! **Hunger Solutions New York**

D.C. Hunger Solutions thanks and applauds Jim Weill, as a Human Needs Superhero.

Jim, thank you for being an incredibly smart, wise, dedicated, and effective advocate, and for your kindness, compassion, and sense of humor. Your work at CDF, FRAC, NARDU, and other important organizations has had a real impact on so many people. Love, **Robbie and Dan Tisch**

Jim's lifelong commitment to advocacy and leadership continues to inspire the **California Association of Food Banks** and anti-hunger advocates around the country. On behalf of our 42 member food banks and the Californians we serve, we send our warmest congratulations to Jim for this well-deserved honor.

Jim Weill's passion for ending hunger and his care and support for the state partners is truly appreciated. We honor Jim today and are proud to stand with him to make sure all people have the food they need to survive and thrive. **Patti Whitney-Wise**

Every day I feel better knowing Jim is at FRAC. We owe him "big time." **Nancy Amidei**

Jim – Thank you for your unyielding commitment to ending hunger in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond. Your efforts have gone a long way towards improving the lives of low income families and communities. **The Virginia Poverty Law Center**



SAVE for All

Strengthening America's Values and Economy for All

Strengthening America's Values and Economy (SAVE) for All Campaign is a coalition of national, state and local advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based organizations, policy experts, and labor and civil rights organizations first convened by the Coalition on Human Needs in 2011. The organizations have come together to endorse basic principles to address America's shortand long-term economic and budgetary problems.

The SAVE principles are endorsed by nearly 2,000 national, state and local organizations.

SAVE Principles

In budget and deficit reduction decisions:

- Protect low-income and vulnerable people
- Increase revenues from fair sources
- Seek responsible savings from wasteful spending in the Pentagon and elsewhere
- Promote job creation and strengthen the economy

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About the Coalition on Human Needs

CHN is an alliance of national organizations working together to promote federal policies to address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable people. The Coalition's members include service providers, policy experts, religious, labor, and civil rights organizations, and other advocates concerned with the well-being of low-income people, including children, women, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Since 1981, the Coalition has been promoting policies to reduce poverty and expand opportunity. Recognizing that poverty reduction and broadly shared economic growth require investment of public dollars, CHN works for adequate funding for effective human needs programs and progressive tax policies.

CHN has been a leader in the SAVE for All campaign (Strengthening America's Values and Economy for All), bringing together many thousands of advocates nationwide in support of four principles essential in federal budget or deficit reduction plans: protect low-income and vulnerable people; incorporate investments to create jobs; pay for sustainable public programs through increased revenues from fair sources; and seek savings by targeting wasteful spending in the Pentagon and other areas. More than 1,900 organizations nationwide have signed a letter to Congress in support of these principles, and are active in working for them. Through SAVE for All, CHN has helped to organize well over one hundred Hill visits, convened conference calls, released reports and assisted in organizing events with advocates in many states.

Educating human needs advocates about the threats and opportunities in the federal budget process and about how to use economic and poverty data to make the case for effective policies is an important part of the Coalition's mission. Each year, CHN presents webinars on these topics with thousands of registrants. CHN also educates advocates in the use of national, state, and local poverty, income, and health insurance data. Fifty years after the

Johnson era "war on poverty," there has been considerable progress, but poverty rates are stubbornly high and barriers to opportunity are growing. CHN shares analyses of antipoverty proposals, especially those by its members, and helps advocates to add their voices to the national debate about how to reduce poverty.

CHN serves as a clearinghouse for information on poverty and federal human needs issues through a bi-monthly newsletter, *The Human Needs Report*, legislative analyses, and other timely updates shared with email lists well exceeding 60,000 nationwide. CHN convenes meetings, forums, and working groups of member organizations to share information and implement effective strategies. Every other Friday when Congress is in session CHN hosts a meeting of advocates for information-sharing.

This year, CHN has introduced a new blog, <u>Voices for Human Needs</u>: Fighting Poverty and Expanding Opportunity for All, as a new means of sharing information and engaging concerned people.

To join the Coalition on Human Needs and to sign up for email alerts, updates, and Voices for Human Needs, go to CHN's website at www.chn.org.

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CHN is pleased to announce the recent launch of our new blog!



Fighting Poverty and Expanding Opportunity for All

Our blog shares perspectives and evidence about what helps people get out of poverty, and what stands in the way. We shine a light on the choices Congress makes that all too often leave the "voiceless" out in the cold. We also seek comments from our human needs community.

Features include:



Weekly facts, like: "Since FY2010, At Least 119 Important Human Needs Programs Have Been Cut, 99 By More Than 10%"

Outrageous policy choices or general wrong—headedness, like: "House Committee Takes Revenue that Could Have Helped the Jobless to Fund Highway Bill."



Commentary on the news, like: "You Say Potato: Congress Mashes it Up over WIC Food Package."

Occasional interviews, like: "Elnora's Story: A Voice for the Unemployed"

If you have ideas for topics, would like to be a guest blogger (a great way to promote your org's campaign or new report), or have suggestions for someone who would make a great interviewee, contact Lecia Imbery at limbery@chn.org.

Read, comment, and subscribe today, and share with your networks!

www.voicesforhumanneeds.org

On behalf of America's health care consumers, Families USA congratulates Jim Weill and commends his longstanding commitment to reducing poverty and hunger in America.

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