



# WE ARE HOPE



In Harmony with Hope Honorees, 2007–2014

Twenty-one changemakers who are creating a more hope-filled America:  
**THESE ARE HARD ISSUES; THERE ARE GOOD THINGS TAKING PLACE**

## HUNGER

**70 billion pounds of edible food are lost each year in US<sup>i</sup>**

Thanks to our honorees:

- Millions of pounds of excess produce are distributed to the hungry through 7,000 food pantries (AmpleHarvest.org)
- 700,000 pounds of leftover food are repurposed to create hundreds of thousands meals/year (DC Central Kitchen)
- 2.5-acre urban farm feeds 10,000 of Milwaukee's poor/year (Growing Power)

## HOUSING

**1.2 million public school children are homeless<sup>ii</sup>**

Thanks to our honorees:

- 89% of foster children find permanent homes (Generations of Hope)
- 100,000 chronically homeless find permanent supportive housing (Community Solutions)
- 600 runaways and kids forced into prostitution sheltered at residential home (Children of the Night)

## EDUCATION

**29% of low-income youth don't graduate high school<sup>iii</sup>**

Thanks to our honorees:

- College becomes a reality for 15,000 low-income students/year (College Possible)
- 3,750 low-income students learn they can engage in the democratic process each semester (Generation Citizen)
- 95–100% of low-income students in IHH-run programs graduate high school (Boys Hope Girls Hope, buildOn, College Possible, Communities In Schools, Harmony Project, Generations of Hope, Genesys Works)

## HEALTH CARE

**13.4% of adult Americans remain uninsured in 2014<sup>iv</sup>**

Thanks to our honorees:

- 100,000 uninsured receive care each year (Volunteers in Medicine)
- 17,000 low-income clients provided with health-related services each year (Health Leads)
- Insurance parity for mental illness through Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (The Carter Center)

## INCARCERATION

**US has the highest rate of incarceration in world: 716 per 100,000 residents<sup>v</sup>**

Thanks to our honorees:

- Interrupters decrease violence by 43-71% in urban neighborhoods (Cure Violence)
- Youth law program keeps kids out of system and is 1/10<sup>th</sup> the cost of incarceration (Fresh Lifelines for Youth)
- 12,000 former gang members and formerly incarcerated people receive job and life skills training/year (Homeboy Industries)
- Treatment, housing and training program for addicted former inmates boasts 10% recidivism rate (PYHIT)

## JOBS

**Unemployment rate is 10 times higher for lowest income earners<sup>vi</sup>**

Thanks to our honorees:

- 100,000 new jobs generated by 2025 (Venture for America)
- 1,200 low-income students interned at top corporations in 2014 (Genesys Works)
- 1,300 formerly homeless or addicted have received culinary training and jobs (DC Central Kitchen)
- 33% of families in program have started new business or expanded existing one (Family Independence Initiative)

**Fostering creative and technology solutions that advance change**

<sup>i</sup> Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN & World Economic Forum

<sup>ii</sup> Children's Defense Fund, The State of America's Children, 2014. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/state-of-americas-children/>

<sup>iii</sup> Urban Institute Study for HHS, HOPE Act: Shew, 2009. <http://hope.hhs.gov/wp/09/vulnerableyouth/21/news.html>

<sup>iv</sup> Gallup Healthways Well-Being Index, July 2014

<sup>v</sup> International Centre for Prison Studies, November 2013

<sup>vi</sup> Center for Labor Market Studies analysis as reported in NY Times: [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/09/opinion/09herbert.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/09/opinion/09herbert.html?_r=0)