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Just Harvest News is back!

After a prolonged hiatus you can now expect to see this publication in your mailboxes and online quarterly. We look forward to keeping you up-to-date on our organization's successes and challenges.

WAR ON FOOD STAMPS DECLARED!

Food stamps are under attack. For 40 years, these federal benefits have been the first line of defense against hunger for 1.8 million at-risk Pennsylvanians and 47 million nationwide. Yet it's likely there will be serious cuts to this program before the year is out.

On November 1, federal stimulus spending to SNAP will expire, resulting in immediate cuts to food stamps. For a family of four this will mean the sudden loss of \$29 per month. We are already encountering food stamp recipients' bewilderment and alarm over these cuts.

Unfortunately, this won't be the only battle. Every five years the U.S. farm bill sets the budget and rules for federal farming and nutrition programs, including SNAP/food stamps. The current one is due to expire in September. As a result, there have been heated debates this summer

over what the new farm bill should look like. In June, the U.S. Senate approved \$4 billion in cuts to SNAP/food stamps in its bipartisan version of the bill.

Republican leaders of the House of Representatives had been proposing cuts of \$20 billion to food stamps. In addition, their version mandated drug testing and work requirements for food stamp recipients—though the overwhelming majority of people on food stamps are children, seniors, the disabled, veterans, or already-employed adults. These Republican efforts to curb supposed fraud are designed to slander food stamp recipients and justify food stamp cuts, and appease the most conservative members of the House. While most Republicans, including **Rep. Tim Murphy**

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JUST HARVEST HOLDS GRASSROOTS MEETING MOBILIZATION BEGINS ON FOOD STAMP ISSUES

With the return of a full-time community organizer to the Just Harvest team comes a renewed commitment to grassroots engagement. Grassroots meetings allow for direct participation and face-to-face relationship-building while also serving as a powerful vehicle for addressing hunger-related poverty issues.

With that in mind, on Thursday, August 8, Maria Muzzie organized a meeting for our food stamp clients and fellow anti-hunger advocates. The goal was develop a strategy to address the Department of Public Welfare's poor customer service and protect federal food stamp funding.

Maria shared the findings of our Barriers to Benefits report charting the DPW's abysmal handling of food stamp applications. During the course of the two hour long meeting, food stamp clients shared their own customer service stories of caseworkers not returning phone calls and losing their paperwork. Many could relate to **Gloria Pierson**, who reported, when calling the Depart-

ment of Public Welfare's Change Center, being put on hold for lengthy periods of time only to then be disconnected—"like my time means nothing".

Kim Robinson, who works with seniors, described their difficulty navigating the food stamp system. "It's hard enough for me, someone with a Masters degree. Imagine what it's like for them."



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GRASSROOTS MEETING

She describes these elders as "starving", having to choose between food and prescriptions. She says they're lost in a complex and unresponsive bureaucracy that requires extensive and confusing paperwork—birth certificate, social security info, housing and heating costs—in exchange for meager food assistance.

"It's humiliating to be poor," said Kim, who says she often has more education than the caseworkers who are in charge of her fate, and who treat her and other food stamp recipients with utter disrespect. "It's like they're being paid to provoke you and make you give up."

Another woman, wiping the tears from her eyes, described how heart-wrenching it is to try to hide her family's financial situation from her kids. An older woman, **Connie Diana**, described the difficulty of raising a family on bread and water. Her son, who was with her, agreed.

Everyone at the meeting who has confronted poverty talked about how difficult it is to plan ahead. There is no "what will I be doing in five years" when just getting through the day is an ordeal in itself.

Just Harvest staff, members, and allies will be working in the coming months to make policy-makers and the public aware of what a life in poverty and hunger means. Hunger is political. Together we can end it.

We will be holding regular meetings to organize and mobilize food stamp consumers and allies to resolve these issues. Please email mariam@justharvest.org for more information.

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

In 2012, Just Harvest's board of directors completed a strategic plan that set ambitious new goals and renewed our commitment to grassroots organizing. Subsequent changes in the staff organizational chart enabled us to hire a full-time community organizer. By the spring of 2013, **Maria Muzzie** was on board.

Some readers may remember Maria from her prior service as a VISTA volunteer at Just Harvest.



Maria Muzzie at a One Pittsburgh rally downtown this July

(See "Comings and Goings" for more about her background.) Her passionate commitment to economic justice and her incredible work ethic haven't changed. Since returning to Just Harvest she's been quite busy.

Her accomplishments in the past few months include organizing a SNAP challenge with *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and Just Harvest staff. This brought much-needed attention to the difficulty of living on a modest food stamp diet in the context of looming Federal cuts to the program. She followed this up with work on payday lending and organizing Just Harvest's first grassroots meeting in years.

A critical part of her job is strengthening our partnerships with important organizational allies. At the top of this list is **SEIU** and **One Pittsburgh** as they work to raise the minimum wage. In May, Maria traveled with them to Detroit for a key battle in the fight.

MARIA REPORTS FROM DETROIT:

SUPERSIZE THE MINIMUM WAGE!

More than 50 people from the Pittsburgh region--including representatives of **One Pittsburgh**, **Action United**, and the **Mon Valley Unemployed Committee**--traveled to Detroit on May 10 to support striking, minimum wage-earning fast food workers.

The Service Employees International Union, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, and a coalition of community allied groups organized the walk-outs in this "right-to-work" state. This followed similar one-day strikes in St. Louis, Chicago and New York as part of a nationwide protest to gain higher wages for chain restaurant employees.

Over 400 people turned out for the event making it the largest minimum wage protest in U.S. history. Workers walked out of various fast food restaurants, temporarily shutting down a handful of establishments, including a McDonald's. Their management called in replacement workers, many of whom, upon arriving, joined their colleagues on the strike line while the supportive crowd chanted, "No burgers! No fries! We want wages super-sized!" The protest ended with a march in the streets that stopped rush hour traffic.

Workers are demanding a raise from the current Michigan minimum wage of \$7.40 an hour to \$15 an hour as well as the opportunity to join a union without intimidation.

No doubt this fight will continue, and we will be happy to be a part of it.

IN POLICY NEWS

KEEP PAYDAY LENDING OUT OF PA

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The word from our allies was that **State Senator Jim Brewster** had told Republican leaders not to count on his vote. The vote in question was for SB 975, the bill to allow the predatory payday lending industry back into PA. Brewster's change of heart was great news, particularly since Just Harvest's meeting with his staff had been a tense one.

Rochelle Jackson, Maria Muzzie, and Emily Cleath weren't sure what to expect when they drove out to his Monroeville office. Brewster had been the lone Democrat to vote with Republicans on the Banking and Insurance Committee, thus allowing SB 975 to move forward to the Senate floor for

possible approval. Their greeting from **Timothy Joyce**, Brewster's chief of staff, was friendly enough. They made their way back to the conference room and the lobbying meeting began.

R o c h e l l e tactfully explained why, as a former victim of

payday lending and a constituent of Brewster's, she felt let down by his vote. What SB 975 was written to do, at the behest of out-of-state payday lending lobbyists, is legalize "micro-loans" charging 288% annual interest rates for a two-week loan. This is far afield from current state law and protections in place by the military, which caps their interest rates on loans to service members and their dependents at 36%.

Currently, Pennsylvanians are protected against loan sharks by usury laws regulating the amount of interest that lenders can charge. SB 975 would undo all that and send PA back to a time when these protections weren't in place. Rochelle had firsthand experience about what a bad time that was for low-income people.

"I was a single mother of four and needed money for a car repair so I could get to work. I had no credit card. No friends or family with significant savings. Payday lenders preyed on my desperation. I couldn't pay back the first loan and wound up taking out another to pay off the first. I was in debt for nearly a year, until I got my income tax refund. All together I wound up owing nearly three times the amount I initially borrowed."

Joyce was not entirely sympathetic to her story. "This bill will give cash to people who are in need." Rochelle explained that profiteering is not the same as helping people. Payday lenders set up shop in low-income neighborhoods where the working poor and senior citizens are easy targets.

These loans don't do them any favors—there is a huge price-tag attached that just leaves those who are already struggling financially further in debt.

Brewster's staffer seemed unconvinced. He said payday lenders had devised a good solution to

getting money to people in need. The temperature in the room was rising.

"It's like giving spoiled food to starving people," Emily argued, her frustration clear. "What are we supposed to do? Let them starve?" Joyce asked. He rebuffed Maria's suggestion that the senator work to find better solutions to the financial problems of his constituents. He said that wasn't the senator's job.

The temprature in the room was rising. Rochelle made one more pitch. She asked him to tell the senator that SB 975 wasn't real economic investment; it wouldn't create the jobs and strong communities this region needs. Pennsylvania has the strongest consumer protection laws against such lending in the country. Brewster should be proud of and protect those laws, because they protect his constituents.

Seems like he got the message.

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WAR DECLARED

(R-South Hills), supported the bill, 62 Republicans, including **Rep. Keith Rothfus** (R-North Hills), voted no because it didn't go far enough in cutting food stamps. They joined Democratic representatives like **Mike Doyle** (D-Pittsburgh) in defeating the bill.

A few weeks later, in July, House Republicans passed something even scarier: a farm bill that left out all of the critical food and nutrition programs—like food stamps—that have been included in the farm bill for decades. Instead, they increased subsidies to corporate agribusiness.

Before the August recess House Republican leaders revealed plans for a separate food and nutrition bill. It would double-down on food stamp cuts—to \$40 billion—despite the already scheduled stimulus cuts in November. This new bill retains the worst of the failed June bill. It facilitates arbitrary drug testing and takes work requirements further than ever before. It would end protection for those who try to find work but can't, and would force mothers to go back to work as soon as their child turns one, or lose their food stamps. These measures would accomplish little more than humiliating those in need. Every Democrat in the House is now on record opposing this.

Just ACTION!

As forces on the right wage war on the poor, we must be the louder voice of justice. There has never been a more crucial time to join us in this fight.

- ➤ Ask your member of Congress to vote against any cuts to food stamps. Find your legislator at www.house.gov/representatives/find/
- ➤ Sign up for Just Harvest action alerts at <u>justharvest.org/index.php/</u> <u>take-action/get-involved</u>

JUST HARVEST PROGRAMS

LEADING THE WAY ONCE AGAIN

"A MENU FOR FOOD JUSTICE" PUTS FOOD DESERTS ON THE MAP

Pittsburgh is the city of firsts—dozens of them. We were the first city to have a movie theater (1905, downtown); the first to have a gas station (1913, East Liberty). In 1903, the Pittsburgh Pirates were the first team defeated in the World Series, followed in 1909 with the construction of the nation's first baseball stadium. Pittsburghers invented the Ferris wheel, the banana split, the polio vaccine.

We also have the dubious distinction of having created the Big Mac, in 1967.

Pittsburgh now has another claim to fame, or, in this case, notoriety. Among cities of its size, Pittsburgh has the highest percentage of people living in areas with low-supermarket access. For nearly half of our Pittsburgh neighbors (47%), the simple act of getting nutritious food at a store is a huge difficulty.

In June, Just Harvest hosted a community forum to discuss

this problem, coinciding with the release of a new report: A Menu for Food Justice: Strategies for Improving Access to Healthy Foods in Allegheny County.

Written for Just Harvest by Zachary Murray during his term as an Emerson Fellow of the Congressional Hunger Center this past fall and winter, the report is a comprehensive

One of the break-out sessions, on mobile market solutions, at the June 17 food deserts forum.

assessment of the food desert status of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County's most vulnerable communities.

Only **13** of the **75**

stores assessed in food deserts offer a selection of fresh produce

A key finding in the report is "One size doesn't fit all." Real solutions to the food desert problem need to fit specific neighborhood resources and circumstances.

Just Harvest hosted this community forum to gain that critical community input. We convened a variety of stakeholders—faith-based organizations, local government, academia, finance, and philanthropy—and anti-hunger advocates in a discussion of community solutions to the food desert problem. The event enabled various segments of the

Only **3** of the **21**

communities assessed have a grocery store

community to share their perspectives and participate in the planning of efforts to improve access to nutritious food.

As the report and the meeting made clear, full-scale

grocery development is not the answer for every neighborhood. Other sensible and sustainable options include healthy corner stores, seasonal solutions farmers (like markets and farm stands), and mobile markets.

In fact, one of those efforts is already underway. Two of the meeting attendees are part of a group of

graduate students who won a \$10,000 grant to launch **Farm Truck Foods**, a mobile grocery store that will deliver food to Pittsburgh's low-income neighborhoods. They plan to be on the road by next spring and, according to an article in the *Post-Gazette*, will select their targets based on Just Harvest's food deserts report.

So perhaps this is another first for Pittsburgh – the first seed to sprout from the newest field Just Harvest has planted. There are many more seeds to tend, and many organizations and individuals who are ready to pitch in. However long it takes, be it forty months or forty years, we will help lead Pittsburgh out of the desert and to a ripened field.

To read the report go to justharvest.org.

FOCUS ON FRESH ACCESS

JUST HARVEST LAUNCHES FRESH ACCESS

This summer marks the first time in a decade that food stamps can be used at **Pittsburgh Citiparks** farmers markets. In May, Just Harvest launched **Fresh Access**, a program that enables purchases by EBT card – as well as by credit and debit cards - at the Citiparks farmers markets in East Liberty and North Side farmers markets.

"Given the high poverty rate on the North side of the city, in East Liberty, and in nearby neighborhoods, we felt launching the Fresh Access program in these locations was critical to helping an under-served section of the city," said Fresh Access Coordinator **Emily Schmidlapp**. By the end of July we had reached \$10,000 in sales. The program's great success prompted the city in early August to allow us to expand to the remaining Citiparks farmers markets in Bloomfield, South Side, Carrick, and Beechview.

Pittsburgh's farmers markets have long been a popular source of seasonal, locally produced, nutritious and affordable food. The Citiparks markets attract thousands of shoppers to seven locations around the city from May through November. However, farmers and sustainable food advocates recognize that the real potential of these markets remains untapped. Many local residents are not familiar with the markets or view them as unaffordable for low-income households. Farmers markets have also traditionally been exclusively cash-based – another obstacle for those who are limited to food stamps, ever since the program replaced paper food stamps with electronic benefits.

The new program is a win-win-win: a win for the one in seven of us on food stamps who now have greater access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable food; a win for farmers,



Emily Schmidlapp and intern Samantha Litvak

who can now reach more customers; and a win for the whole community, whose democratic engagement with farmers is further supported and expanded.

Vendors sell a variety of fruits; vegetables; meats; cheeses; homemade jams, jellies and pickles; baked goods; honey; seedlings; coffee and more. SNAP/food stamps recipients can swipe their cards and receive tokens that are accepted by many of the vendors and can be used to purchase food. Those who use the token kiosk for credit and debit card purchases will be asked to contribute \$1 per transaction.

For more information and a complete list of area markets that accept food stamps, stop by the Just Harvest tent at the market, call Emily Schmidlapp at 412-431-8960 or visit <u>justharvest.org/index.php/fresh-access</u>.

TAX SEASON HELPS MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER

Our 2013 tax season was one of the best yet, with 331 households receiving a 25% boost in annual income thanks to the Earned Income Tax Credit. All savings to EITC clients—roughly half of those served— amounted to \$2.4 million!



Liam Hennessy helps prepare Hilda Mullen's taxes.

This work is critical to the many low-income people who are eligible for tax refunds or credits and can't afford to lose these precious dollars to commercial

tax preparers' fees and advance refund

loans.

Like so much at Just Harvest, this effort would not have been possible without our volunteers. This year, 95 volunteers at our sites donated 4,300 hours of their time to help us complete over 2,800 returns and refund over \$4.9 million in refunds to low-income families!

As a lead organization in the United Way of Allegheny County's Money in Your Pocket Coalition, Just Harvest operated four volunteer income tax preparation sites: at our South Side office, the Community College of Allegheny County Boyce Campus, Bedford Hope Center, and at the Prospect Park housing community in Baldwin.

The entire coalition filed 5,811 tax returns in 2013, resulting in almost \$10 million in tax refunds, including \$4.1 million in EITC refunds. The median annual income for these clients was \$12,391.

Since we began this work in 2003, we've completed tax returns for 17,704 households, totaling \$31 million in refunds.

IN THE COMMUNITY

THANK YOU!

Just Harvest owes our success to diverse community and grant-maker support. Just Harvest Education Fund is proud partner agency of the **United Way of Allegheny County** and is grateful to the United Way and its donors for their powerful impact on our work. Just Harvest Education Fund also has received grant funding this year from the **Pa. Department of Public Welfare**, the **Internal Revenue Service**, **MAZON:** A Jewish Response to Hunger, the City of Pittsburgh, and ALCOA.

Just Harvest: A Center for Action Against Hunger is grateful for major support once again this year from the **Attorneys Against Hunger campaign** of the **Allegheny County Bar Foundation**.

We extend our thanks to our poultry-raising friends for choosing Just Harvest as the beneficiary of this year's Urban Chicken Coop Tour. "Chicks-in-the-Hood 2013" raised more than \$2,500 in June.

Many thanks also to **Penn Brewery** for hosting Just Harvest for a "We Care Wednesday" event in April, and to the **Steel City Roller Derby** for selecting us as the charity beneficiary of their May 11 bout (a crushing victory over the Fort Wayne team, by the way).

And thanks to all the individuals and organizations whose membership support has kept us strong in 2013:

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IN MEMORIAM

We mark the passing of former Just Harvest board member **Jane Becker** who died on July 19 at the age of 80. Jane, together with her husband George, was a recipient of our 2006 Seeds of Justice Award. She was a true fighter for economic justice and will be greatly missed.

Jane was on Just Harvest's board here in the early 1990's and was on the planning committee for the Harvest Celebration Dinner in a few of its earliest formative years. Ken Regal remembers, "She was working the front registration table at the dinner one year and I think she knew every single person who walked in the door."

She was a long-time labor and political activist, a key leader on the Pennsylvania campaigns for Bill Clinton in 1992 and 1996, and one of the founders of SOAR, the Steelworker Organization of Active Retirees.

For 57 years she was married to **George Becker**, former international president of the United Steel Workers. Jane is survived by three sons and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Just Harvest also mourns the passing of **Bill Page**, one of our first interns in Just Harvest's early days and a board



Jane Becker at the 2006 Harvest Celebration Dinner

member of the Just Harvest Education Fund in the late 1980's. Bill joined Just Harvest as an activist social work student and played a major role in our Allegheny County budget campaign.

That project won the creation of the county government's first comprehensive coordinated response to hunger in the early 1990's. Bill is survived by his wife Sheila and three children.

Wegener; Bill Wekselman; Nancy Welfer; Elaine Welling; Eve Wider; Gina Wilson; Tobey Wolken; William Yund; Ron & Laura Zinski; Anonymous; F.O.R. Sto-Rox; Gateway Health Plan; Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; Religious Society of Friends; Sisters of the Divine Providence; and St. Brendan's Episcopal Church - Cries Advocacy.

AT JUST HARVEST

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Long-time staff member **Rochelle Jackson** was promoted to policy advocate in late 2012. Rochelle Jackson first came to Just Harvest as a welfare client and then became the advocate and organizer for our Welfare Justice Project, a position she held for more than 11 years. She now oversees all of our public policy work, including our farm bill and payday lending campaigns.

Our much-loved communications coordinator **Adam MacGregor** left Just Harvest in 2012 to relocate to Beijing, China, with his partner Amy. Most recently, he's worked with the University of Pittsburgh's Study Abroad Office, helping to lead a group of students through India, including the high reaches of the Himalayas.

Filling his shoes on the home front is **Emily Cleath**. She joins us as a former web communications employee of the RAND Corporation, and with organizing experience from stints at ACLU-PA and SEIU. As communications coordinator, she is overseeing Just Harvest's website and blog, our newsletters and brochures, and working to expand our presence on social media (including Facebook and Twitter) as well as in traditional media.

Speaking of organizing, **Maria Muzzie** rejoined Just Harvest this spring as our full-time grassroots organizer. Maria served with us in this same capacity via AmeriCorps in 2010. She is also helping out with food stamp and welfare advocacy, work that is familiar to her from her prior days at Just Harvest. Maria's long and impressive resume includes organizing work for some of the city's top progressive forces: One Pittsburgh,

SEIU, AFL-CIO, and Clean Water Action.

Eugenia Mosby returned to Just Harvest earlier this year as a food stamp specialist, a position she held from 2007 to 2009. Given our ever-increasing numbers of food stamp applicants and Eugenia's long history with Just Harvest (she first joined us as a client learning how to cope with the welfare system), we're glad to have her back on board.

Former board member and food stamp specialist **Ken Munz** has been promoted to operations coordinator

Other new additions include Simon Felix, the baby boy our tax campaign organizer, **Kristie Weiland Stagno**, gave birth to on July 2. We congratulate Kristie on her second healthy and beautiful son and thank her for timing his birth for after tax season.

Just Harvest extends our thanks and good wishes to former codirector **Tara Marks**, who left in 2012 to attend law school, and to former child nutrition advocate **Shauna Ponton**, who left in 2012 and is now an organizer with SEIU.

Starting this fall, new additions to our team will also include **Adrien Schless-Meier**, an Emerson Fellow from the Congressional Hunger Center, and **Danele Hughson**, our new AmeriCorps VISTA member. We will also be joined by two new social work interns, **Nick Chubb** and **Carly Cottone**.

Read more about our team on our website at: <u>justharvest.org/index.php/about-us/team</u>

OUR MISSION

Just Harvest educates, empowers and mobilizes people to eliminate hunger, poverty, and economic injustice in our communities by influencing public policy, engaging in advocacy, and connecting people to public benefits.

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CELEBRATE WITH US



We invite you to join us and celebrate our victories at the 25th Anniversary Just Harvest Celebration Dinner on October 22, 2013.



Sister Simone Campbell has dedicated her life to social justice, serving as a religious leader, an attorney, and a poet with extensive experience in public policy and advocating for systemic change. Her 2010 "nuns' letter" was instrumental to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, and her 2012 "Nuns on the Bus" tour helped bring attention to a House of Representatives budget that would decimate social welfare programs. Since 2004, she has led NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobbying organization, working to protect the interests of people living in poverty.

We will honor Sister Simone Campbell with the George and Jane Becker Memorial Award at the event. We are also proud to honor Just Harvest's founding Board of Directors with the 2013 Seeds of Justice Award.

To buy tickets or an ad in our program, contact Heather at 412-431-8960 ext. 10 or to donate an item for a Silent Auction, contact Ann at 412-431-8960 ext. 18.

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