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October commemorates the life of Craig Murphey – a strongly committed community organizer whose life focused on ending hunger in New York City and throughout the nation. While working with the New York City Coalition Against Hunger and the neighborhood-based coalition, the West Harlem Action Network Against Poverty, Craig passed away last October in a fatal bike accident leaving a tremendous void – we lost a family member, a friend, a fellow “hunger fighter”.

In the spirit of Craig’s life, the New York City Coalition Against Hunger – a 501c3 non-profit organization working to end hunger in New York City – worked with the West Harlem Network Against Poverty to begin the Craig Murphey Fellowship Fund to support a fellowship program focused on anti-hunger, community-based work.

Continuing Craig’s commitment to the anti-hunger and community organizing movements, the first Craig Murphey fellow, Michael Paone, has been working throughout the West Harlem area to organize the community around anti-hunger issues and to build awareness about the 1.3 million people throughout New York City who live in homes that don’t have enough nutritious food for their families. In the past six months, Michael has coordinated a West Harlem based Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA) which has connected a local New York farmer’s fresh produce to West Harlem residents by making it highly accessible and offering affordable pricing options (including food stamps) so that all socio-economic levels are able to participate in the program. Through community meetings, Michael has been able to continue Craig’s legacy of motivating the community to actively engage in the social-justice issues in our community.

With food prices rising, more people in need of services provided by soup kitchens and food pantries, and the upcoming presidential election, anti-hunger and anti-poverty community action in West Harlem, throughout New York City and the country is vital. Hard working families are making decisions about providing food for their families and paying rent, buying meat or medicine for their children, and are unable to make ends meet at the end of the month.

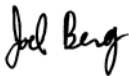
To continue Craig’s legacy of responding to our community’s needs, we need your help. In October, in conjunction with World Food Day, we are honoring Craig Murphey and

his family at the Living Tribute to Craig Murphey Anti-Hunger event, to take place at The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8pm. The event will coincide with the weekly CSA distribution and will feature chef demonstrations of local, sustainable, organic food; it will bring together Craig's friends, family, anti-hunger advocates, and those committed to continuing Craig's legacy.

Please find the enclosed information to RSVP for the event and to make a contribution to help continue the Craig Murphey fellowship program in the coming year.

Your donation to the Craig Murphey Fellowship Fund will help continue his commitment to ending hunger in West Harlem, in New York City, and throughout the nation.

Humbly remembering a fellow anti-hunger advocate,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Berg". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joel Berg  
Executive Director