



# hunger action summit

*too hungry to learn*

## ***Impact of Nutrition on Kids' Health and Academic Achievement***

9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Sandra G. Hassink will share how pediatricians take what they experience in practice and translate it into policy, advocacy, and education for children and their families and caregivers. She will address the highlights of a new policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics, which calls for increasing access to and funding for SNAP, WIC, school nutrition, and summer feeding programs at the federal, state, and local levels.

Sandra G. Hassink, M.D, FAAP

Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics

## ***Second Harvest Food Bank – Ensuring Kids are Hungry to Learn***

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Kathy Jackson will make the case that hunger needs a seat at the same tables where stubborn educational achievement gaps and STEM issues are addressed. She will describe innovative approaches to summer feeding that help children maintain their academic and developmental gains and reduce “summer slide.” She also will share Second Harvest’s current/future strategies to leverage school partnerships to ensure that more kids and their families have access to the food they need to succeed in school and beyond. Sonya Arriola and Jessica Vasquez will offer front line observations of the client experience gleaned from Second Harvest’s pilot project with Sacred Heart Nativity Schools.

Kathy Jackson

Chief Executive Officer

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

Sonya Arriola

President

Sacred Heart Nativity Schools

Jessica Vazquez  
Partnership Manager  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

***Too Hungry to Learn: The Effects of Hunger on Education***

10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Our panelists will discuss the effects of hunger on education and the investments their organizations are making to improve the educational outcomes of local children. They will provide an inside look at how they are partnering with dozens of county leaders and community-based organizations to close the achievement gap, improve third grade reading proficiency, strengthen the local safety-net, and ensure that children and their families have access to the healthy food they need to reach their full potential.

Anne E. Campbell  
County Superintendent of Schools  
San Mateo County Office of Education and The Big Lift Initiative

Meredith Liu  
President and COO  
The Primary School, East Palo Alto

Melissa Johns  
Executive Director  
Breakthrough Silicon Valley

Adolfo Leiva  
Director, SparkPoint Center  
Cañada College

Joshua Russell  
Vice President  
Silicon Valley Market Manager  
Enterprise Business and Community Engagement  
Bank of America

***The Fight Against Hunger Starts at School***

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Chef Ann Cooper is a celebrated author, chef, educator, and advocate of better food for all children. In a nation where children are born with shorter life expectancies than their parents because of diet-related illnesses, Chef Ann has been a constant champion of improving childhood nutrition through school food reform. The “Renegade Lunch Lady” will share her

perspective on how schools can take action so that every child has daily access to the nutritious food they need to learn.

Chef Ann Cooper

Director, Nutrition Services

Boulder Valley School District; Founder of the Chef Ann Foundation and formerly with the Berkeley Unified School District

### ***Lunch***

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

### ***Closing the Hunger Gap: The Hunger Index***

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

S. Andrew Starbird will share how Santa Clara University's Hunger Index measures vulnerable community members' need for food. What is the meal gap, how can we close it, and how is it affected by the rising cost of living in Silicon Valley?

S. Andrew Starbird, Ph.D.

Director

My Own Business Institute

Santa Clara University

### ***Take Action – Leverage Opportunities for Impact; Closing Remarks***

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Learn what can be done at the federal, state, and local levels to influence political, economic, and social decisions that can have an impact on access to high-quality, healthy food. Explore how advocacy and information can be used to leverage opportunities for expanded food and nutrition services throughout Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

Crystal FitzSimons

Director of School and Out-of-School Time Programs

Food Research and Action Center

Tia Shimada, MPH

Director of Programs

California Food Policy Advocates

Cindy McCown

Vice President of Community Engagement and Policy

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