

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## New York City



**School food:** CFA's Lunch 4 Learning campaign successfully secured an additional \$50 million dollars in the City's budget for Cafeteria Redesign. This means close to half of all middle and high school cafeterias will have been transformed by next year. To date, we have secured a total of \$125 million, with \$100 million in the last two years alone.

**GFPP:** We collaborated with the Mayor's Office on Food Policy and the City's food-serving agencies to maximize the impact as the Good Food Purchasing Program is implemented across agencies. *(Example: in the environmental sustainability category, NYC's carbon emissions from our food purchasing went from 333,000 tons in 2019 to 123,724 in 2021.)*

**Youth Food Advocates (YFA):** We are proud of our YFA interns. Among their many accomplishments, they were key partners in our advocacy for cafeteria redesign, met with leadership and shared their experiences and recommendations with the NYC Office of Food and Nutrition Services, and were invited by the USDA to sit at the table with other advocates from across the country to present recommendations on the proposed updates to the national school food guidelines.

**Supermarket Access:** We completed the first phase of updating research on the current landscape of supermarket access for NYC's low-income and gentrifying communities. NYC falls far short of the optimum number of 30,000 square feet of supermarket space per 10,000 residents. We are seeking bold, comprehensive solutions to address the lack of access.

## New York State

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**School Food:** CFA co-leads the Healthy School Meals For All Campaign (HSMFA) with Hunger Solutions New York. Thanks to the leadership of our two honorees tonight, we secured \$134 million in the NYS budget to expand Universal Free School Meals by covering the cost of free school meals at schools that are eligible to participate in the federal Community Eligibility Program, which affects schools and districts with a high proportion of low-income students.

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**GFPP:** We made great strides to advance the Good Food New York bill in both the State Senate and Assembly. The bill passed with overwhelming support in the Senate and moved through key committees in the Assembly. We are working toward passage in both houses this legislative session.

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