

Rewriting the Call to Charity

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From Food Shelf Volunteer to Food Justice Advocate

- ▶ How can the food shelf volunteer (or any charity worker) be moved to undertake responsibility for justice?

Narrative Methodology

- ▶ Writing (or rewriting) stories to include two features:
 - Background conditions that reveal structural or systemic injustices; and
 - Motivational force

Philosophy for the People

- ▶ Stories are accessible to academics, practitioners, and ordinary citizens

Background Conditions

- ▶ How do I know *what* should change?

The Personal Responsibility “Script”

- ▶ Public policy discourse
- ▶ Hunger advocates

Public Policy

- ▶ Representative Steven Fincher (R-TN)

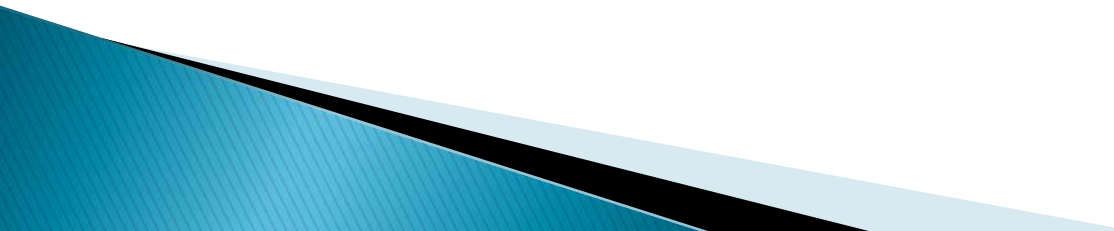


Feeding America: Real Stories

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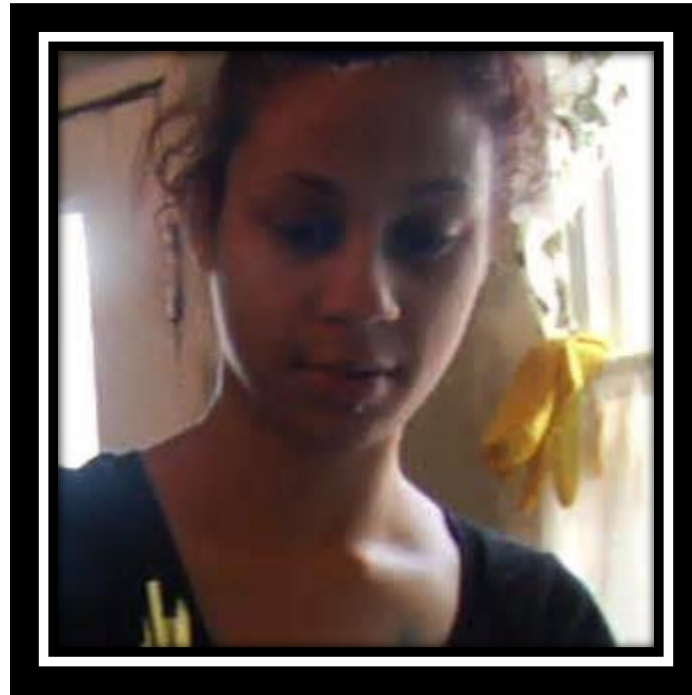
Rewriting the Personal Responsibility Script

- ▶ Individual people who are unfairly disadvantaged
 - ▶ General “position” occupied by more than one person (single mothers, fast food workers, etc.)
 - ▶ Background conditions that reveal structural injustice(s)
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A “Counter Story” about Hunger



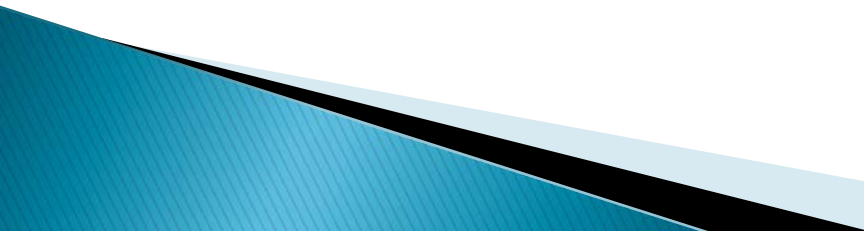
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Feeding a Family



Knowing what should change

- ▶ Affordable Housing
 - ▶ Transportation to grocery stores
 - ▶ Minimum wage
 - ▶ SNAP eligibility
 - ▶ Free meal programs for children
 - ▶ Job training
 - ▶ Support for college education
 - ▶ Subsidized commodity agriculture
 - ▶ Lobbying by agri-business
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Motivational Force

- ▶ *Witness to Hunger* at the White House (2012)

