

White House recognizes Joshua

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WASHINGTON, DC — The White House recently welcomed 11 “Champions of Change” who have committed themselves to strengthening food security in the United States and around the world.

Among them was 11-year old Miami resident Joshua Williams, the youngest winner to receive the award.

He is the founder of Joshua’s Heart Foundation, which to date has distributed more than 400,000 pounds of food to those in need.

Additionally through their collaboration with Whole Foods Markets, Joshua’s Heart Foundation teaches recipient families how to prepare healthier meals.

Joshua has focused on hunger as an issue that touches the lives of people all around the world. Today, almost one billion people do not have access to a sufficient supply of nutritious and safe food, and 16 million children in the United States experience food insecurity each year.

Using innovative approaches, Joshua and the other recognized champions are striving to ensure that no man, woman, or child goes hungry and inspiring others to do the same.

“Service is my passion,” said Joshua Williams. “It is through the support of family, friends and supporters like the Krass and Black families that our mission is able to move forward.”

“Today’s champions are examples of the groundbreaking work being done to tackle hunger at home and abroad. These individuals are making improved access to healthy food a reality for millions of individuals in need,” said Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan.

“Establishing global food security isn’t just critical for those now suffering from hunger. It is also vital to our long-term economic prosperity. We applaud the champions for their efforts to empower families and communities and to reduce the depth and severity of hunger around the world.”

The “Champions of Change” program was created as a part of President Obama’s Winning the Future initiative. Each week, a different sector is highlighted and groups of champions, ranging from entrepreneurs to community leaders, are recognized for the work they are doing to serve and strengthen their communities.

Read more about Joshua’s thoughts with his post on the, “Champions of Change” blog, [Following My Purpose](#).

Joshua Williams is a middle school student at Ransom Everglades School in Miami, Florida. At the age of five, Joshua became passionate about helping those in need. He believes that no child should ever go hungry and that everyone should have access to one of the basic necessities of life: food.

Almost seven years later, Joshua and his organization, Joshua’s Heart Foundation, along with many committed volunteers, is working to stomp out worldwide hunger one community at a time.

To date, Joshua’s Heart Foundation has distributed over 400,000 pounds of food to those in need, and coupled that assistance with teaching most recipients how to prepare healthier meals.

Joshua hopes to touch the hearts of young people everywhere, so they can be inspired to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.