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MILWAUKEE YOUTH AMBASSADOR NAMED WINNER OF NO KID HUNGRY SCHOOL BREAKFAST HERO CONTEST

MADISON (March 4, 2020) – No Kid Hungry has announced the winners of the 2020 Breakfast Hero contest, individuals across the country that are concentrated on school breakfast as a critical link to ending childhood hunger.

Access to a conventional cafeteria breakfast is unavailable for many kids. Research shows the detrimental effects an empty stomach has on a developing brain, leading to lower test scores and a lack of focus. A healthy breakfast can spur children's performance in school, positively promoting their future. Recipients of the Breakfast Hero award have stood out by enacting policy, raising funds, promoting awareness, and implementing a breakfast-after-the-bell program to ensure all kids in the United States are "Powered By Breakfast."

Milwaukee's own Abby Favela is recognized as a 2020 National Breakfast Hero, as a result of boosting enrollment by 200%, with almost 200 schools added to the roster of those committed to reducing childhood hunger in America. Favela has collaborated with Milwaukee's non-profit Hunger Task Force to guarantee that all Wisconsin students are provided with a proper breakfast, preparing them for a day of learning. Nevertheless, she published an article regarding equity in Hunger Task Force's 2020 School Meals Report Card and released a one-pager on the importance of culturally relevant meals within schools.

"Abby is a passionate young leader...distinguishing herself as a powerful advocate working to end child hunger," says Maureen Fitzgerald, the Hunger Task Force's Director of Advocacy.

Congratulations to Abby Favela on her well-deserved recognition as a national award winner and an extraordinary constituent from the Sensational 16th district!

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