

Stop Hunger Celebrates the Younger Generation Taking Action for a Hunger-Free World

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The 9th edition of the Stop Hunger Dinner, Sodexo's unique philanthropic cause, was held last night at La Seine Musicale, spotlighting the commitment and concrete actions of the younger generations in the fight for a hunger-free world.

Presided over by Mouna Fassi Daoudi, CEO of Stop Hunger, and Sophie Bellon, Chairwoman and CEO of Sodexo, the evening paid tribute to the determination and impact of young people (ages 15–30) in tackling food insecurity around the globe.

Outstanding Initiatives Recognized

From social entrepreneurs to dedicated volunteers, each honoree is leading innovative and sustainable projects in the fight against hunger. Three initiatives were celebrated with the 2025 Stop Hunger Awards:

- Jack Griffin, **Food Finder**: At just 16 years old Jack founded Food Finder, a U.S.-based nonprofit that connects vulnerable individuals with nearby food banks in real time via a mobile app. Over 3 million people have already benefited from his work.
- Charis Halliday, **On Remplit Le Frigo**: A French nonprofit launched during the COVID crisis by 29-year-old Charis, to support students facing hardship by providing food parcels and hygiene products. The association regularly organizes distributions across the Paris region, including Paris, Orsay, Évry, and Massy.
- Sharon Monethi, **Woman of Age Foundation**: Founded in South Africa when Sharon was 23, this nonprofit empowers women and girls by tackling issues like climate change and food security. She works in both schools and in the field to raise awareness and provide training for young people and women on topics such as financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

At an age when the desire to act is at its peak, their commitment breaks down barriers and opens new horizons. This generation doesn't just carry hope: it is already driving real change to transform our world for the better.

During the dinner, Mouna Fassi Daoudi, CEO of Stop Hunger, stated: *“In the fight against food insecurity, young people are part of the solution. Aware of the urgency, they are stepping up courageously. Let's support them!”*

The 2025 Stop Hunger Dinner welcomed around **600 guests, partners, and donors, as well as 100 volunteers**. The fundraising campaign was a success, culminating in a **record-breaking total of €1,150,000**. These funds will directly support food aid efforts and empowerment initiatives for women and youth, in partnership with a wide network of NGOs and institutions supported by Stop Hunger, including: the World Food Programme (WFP), Les Restos du Cœur, and the French Food Bank Network, long-standing partners.

A Collective Commitment to a Hunger-Free World

Stop Hunger wishes to express its deepest gratitude to its founding partners, Sodexo and Pluxee, for their unwavering support. A huge thank-you as well to Sodexo Live!, for providing the venue La Seine Musicale, and to the Lenôtre teams, whose expertise helped make the evening a truly exceptional moment.

Lastly, we extend heartfelt thanks to our Major Donors: Groupe Pomona, Pro à Pro, Unilever Food Solutions, Persistent, and Bellon SA, whose generosity strengthens our mission to create a world without hunger.

About Stop Hunger

Stop Hunger, Sodexo's unique philanthropic cause, is a global non-profit network working towards a world without hunger. Initiated in the United States in 1996 by Sodexo employees, its founding partner, the movement has expanded. By 2024, it has operated in 58 countries, working hand in hand with over 330 NGOs. Stop Hunger fights against food insecurity, firmly believing that empowering women and younger generations is at the heart of the solutions for a better future."

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About Sodexo

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in sustainable food and valued experiences at every moment in life: learn, work, heal and play. The Group stands out for its independence, its founding family shareholding and its responsible business model. Thanks to its two activities of Food and Facilities Management Services, Sodexo meets all the challenges of everyday life with a dual goal: to improve the quality of life of our employees and those we serve, and contribute to the economic, social and environmental progress in the communities where we operate. For Sodexo, growth and social commitment go hand in hand. Our purpose is to create a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all.

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