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One Day Before SNAP Benefits Expire, Win Applauds Governor Hochul's State of Emergency Declaration, Calls on NYC and Congress to Act

Win calls on Mayor Adams to allocate \$100 million to cover November SNAP benefits and to reinstate Covid-era food distribution

*****Impacted families and Win President & CEO Christine C. Quinn are available for interviews*****

New York, NY – Today, Win, the largest provider of housing and supportive services for homeless families with children in New York City and the nation, issued the following statement following Governor Hochul's declaration of a state of emergency to ensure families are fed as SNAP benefits are set to expire tomorrow.

In addition to commending the Governor's decisive action and unlocking of \$106 million in funds for food pantries, **Win is calling on Mayor Adams to allocate \$100 million in emergency funds to assist food pantries and providers to cover November SNAP losses across the city, and to reinstate Covid-era food distribution, which delivers food to shelters and families in need on days when schools are closed.** Additionally, Win is calling on Congress to return to the negotiation table and to instate emergency funds to provide relief to SNAP recipients.

"Let this be understood under no uncertain terms: We are staring down the barrel of a humanitarian crisis and the greatest food insecurity our nation has seen since the Great Depression. Washington's inability to reopen the government will spell devastation for millions of Americans when SNAP benefits expire Saturday. Families across this country – and right here in New York – will go hungry due to this presidential Administration's refusal to negotiate in good faith to address critical issues plaguing this nation.

"While dysfunction in Washington persists, Win applauds Governor Hochul's decisive leadership in declaring a state of emergency that will cut through red tape, unlock \$106 million in emergency funds for food pantries, and ensure families in New York are fed when SNAP benefits expire. Make no mistake: this decision will be the difference between a child going to bed hungry or with a full stomach.

"As we prepare to confront this manmade crisis head on, we are calling on Mayor Adams to allocate \$100 million in emergency funds to assist food pantries and providers to cover November SNAP losses

where need is most prevalent, in addition to reinstating Covid-era food distribution to ensure food can be delivered to shelters and families in need when schools are closed. We have the resources, we have the infrastructure, and we have the will to ensure no New Yorker goes hungry. Now we must act.

“We continue to urge lawmakers in Washington to return to the table, address the healthcare crisis, and to reopen the government so that critical benefits like SNAP may return to the rightful hands of the Americans that rely on these programs. Lives are on the line.”

With the government shutdown, some 3 million New Yorkers stand to lose SNAP benefits at Midnight on Friday, **including 98 percent of families that call a Win shelter home**. By relying on preexisting Covid-era food distribution infrastructure, New York can avoid unnecessary hurdles and ensure no New Yorker goes hungry.

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About Win

Win is the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing for families experiencing homelessness in New York City and the nation, operating 16 shelters and over 450 units of supportive housing across all five boroughs. For over 40 years, Win has provided safe housing, trauma-informed services, and innovative programs to help families rebuild their lives. In the past year, Win served nearly 12,400 people – including over 6,700 children – and helped almost 1,000 families transition out of shelter into homes of their own.