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Carlos Rodriguez is a recognized voice in anti-hunger and poverty, with 20 years of leadership experience focused on improving policies and delivery of services to those in need.

In 2016, as a panel speaker at a White House Conversation on Child Hunger, he discussed the importance of private and public partnerships and stigma faced by our neighbors in need. This same year he opened the B.E.A.T. Center in partnership with the JBJ Soul Foundation and a grassroots pantry. This 21st century town square brings programs and services together where the community can gather to get help and give help.

In response to super storm Sandy, Rodriguez expanded the FoodBank's efforts to "shorten the food lines" establishing free tax assistance, affordable healthcare enrollment programs and increasing SNAP outreach. Along with a greater emphasis on distributing nutritious food as well as increasing prepared meals for at risk children, this programmatic approach aims to deliver impact and change for the community. These combined comprehensive solutions reach ten percent of the population.

Rodriguez earned his MS in Urban Policy and Not-for-Profit Management from Milano Graduate School, New School University; a BA in Sociology from the College of the Holy Cross and a Not-for-Profit accounting certificate from New York University. In 2011, Rodriguez was the recipient of LATINO Magazine's RAYOS Award, "rays of light."