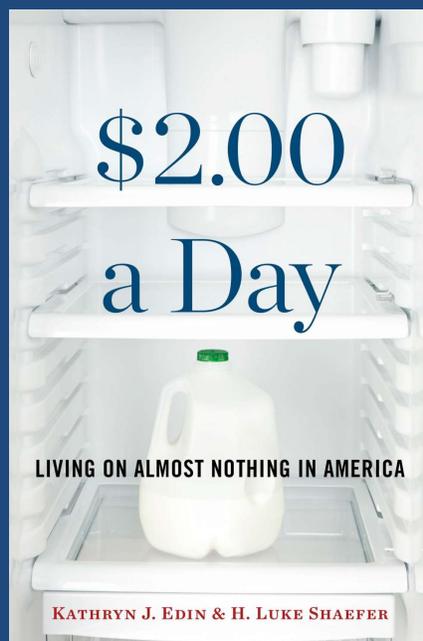


## A Conversation about Deep Poverty in America

With

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Tamara, Sharon,  
and Kate

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## Tamara – Witnesses to Hunger



**TAMARA** has been a member of Witnesses to Hunger since 2011. She is a mother of two and works very hard to make a better life for her children.

One of Tamara's main goals is to finish her education. She was studying political science at Northeastern University but needed to take time off from school to work to support her family.

As a teen mom, Tamara faced a lot of challenges that she had to overcome, including living in a shelter.

Tamara recently moved from Boston to New York City and is working for a temp agency. She hopes to find stable housing and get a permanent position where she can work to make ends meet for her family.



## Kate Scully Center for Hunger-Free Communities



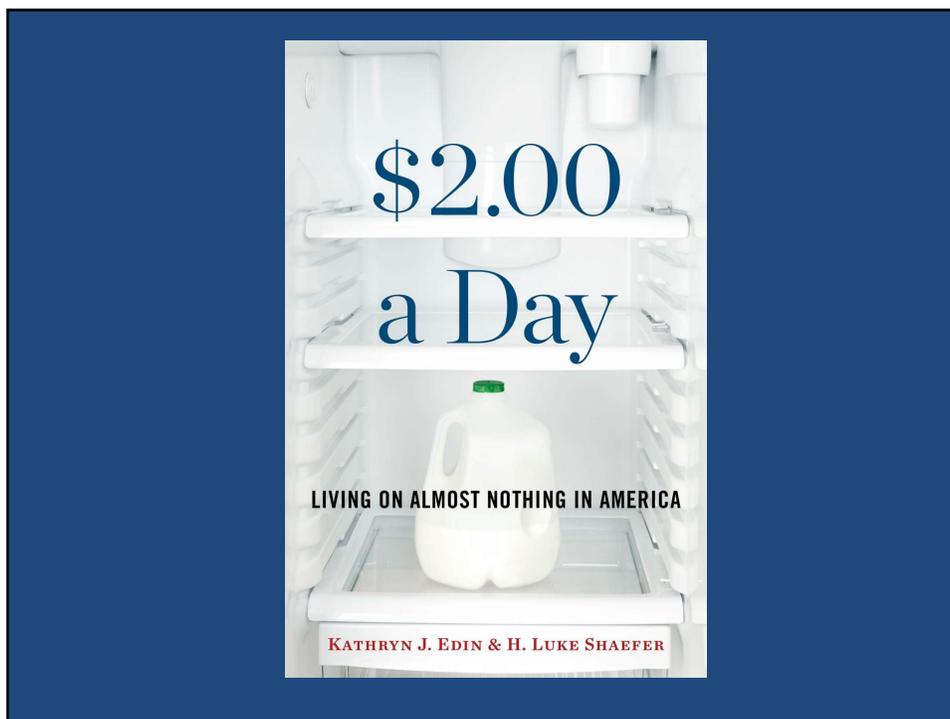
**Kate Scully** is the Policy Director for the Center. She works to translate the Center's research and practices into policy-relevant communications at the local, state, and national levels. Kate also works closely with the Witnesses to Hunger team to ensure active and engaged advocacy and policy work with members of Witnesses to Hunger throughout the country.

## Deborah Weinstein,

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Executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs since 2003. Before that, director of the Family Income Division at the Children's Defense Fund; previously, executive director of the Massachusetts Human Services Coalition until 1993.





## Witnesses to Hunger

Witnesses  
to Hunger

A growing movement led by the real experts on hunger, mothers and caregivers of young children who have experienced hunger and poverty. Through their photographs and stories, *Witnesses* advocate for their own families and others and seek to create lasting changes on a local, state and national level.



## Why Witnesses to Hunger?

With growing food insecurity and poverty, the voice of people who were experiencing hunger and poverty are not generally considered.

The Witnesses speak out about those experiences to educate the public and legislators about what it is really like.



## What do the Witnesses do?

- Take photographs and exhibit them
- Work with policy makers
- Speak out about experiences with the press and at events
- Support each other
- Expand this model around the country



## Tamara – Witnesses to Hunger



### Literally Nothing

In the shelter, everybody gets a cupboard. That's one person's cupboard. They don't have any food, and they live in the shelter. It's sad. Literally nothing, not even a speck, and I was just so surprised. I didn't say anything, 'cause I felt so bad. And she has a son. I don't know what he eats. I give her food all the time. I feel bad. I'm not going to let her starve, or her son starve.

- Photo and Voice by Tamara S.

## Sharon's Art



## Sharon's Refrigerator



Be part of building community, so all  
can have security and opportunity



- Keep the conversation going –  
post a comment on CHN's blog:  
[www.chn.org/blog](http://www.chn.org/blog)
- Speak up elsewhere too – other  
blogs, LTE's, social media...

## Two opportunities in the new year to weigh in

### Jan. 9: Expanding Opportunity

A forum for Republican presidential candidates to discuss fighting poverty and expanding opportunity. Moderated by House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senator Tim Scott (SC). It will take place in South Carolina; will be live-streamed. Candidates attending (as of Dec. 9): Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, John Kasich, Marco Rubio.

For more information:

<http://www.jackkempfoundation.org>

### Jan. 12: State of the Union

President Obama's last one.

What will he say about economic opportunity, poverty, inequality?

You can comment before and/or after.



Pro or con



## Thanks!



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Warmest wishes for a new  
year  
in which we can work  
together towards security  
and opportunity for all