

James McGovern
Congressman for the 2nd District of Massachusetts

Jim was born and raised in the Burncoat neighborhood of Worcester

First elected to Congress in 1996, Jim has fought tirelessly for the people of Massachusetts and has earned the respect and trust of his colleagues.

He is a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture's Subcommittee on Nutrition and Oversight. He also serves as the Chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, and is the Democratic Co-Chair of the bipartisan Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission – both of which monitor, investigate and advocate on behalf of international human rights, the rule of law, and good governance.

One of Jim's Biggest Accomplishments Include:

Creating the McGovern-Dole Food for Education program, which provides nutritious meals in a school setting to nearly 9 million of the world's poorest children

Jim Has Fought Tirelessly For The People Of Massachusetts Second' District, one example is:

Successfully ensuring that federal aid is available for family farms following unusual droughts in Massachusetts by ensuring that economic injury disaster loans are available to farmers in addition to standard disaster assistance.

Finally, Jim Has Also Worked Tirelessly to Ensure That America Stands up for Global Human Rights:

The values he learned from his friends and family are the same ones he fights for every day in Congress: fairness, decency, respect for all people, and the idea that each of us has an obligation to give back to our community. Jim's parents, Walter and Mindy, own a small package store in Worcester, and his sisters are both public school teachers. He is married to Lisa Murray McGovern and they have two children, Patrick, and Molly.

Jean G. McMurray
Chief Executive Officer, Worcester County Food Bank

Since 1998, Jean has served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB), providing leadership and a comprehensive vision to all areas of WCFB's advocacy and operations. Prior to becoming CEO, she was the Agency Outreach Coordinator from 1995 to 1997.

Since assuming the role as CEO, Jean has guided the organization and its network of food pantries, community meal programs, and shelters to tremendous successes. Under her leadership, WCFB has increased the scope of its anti-hunger work, deepened community partnerships, established the Fund to End Hunger at the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and built an impressive advocacy program, including the Worcester Food Policy Council, all focused on WCFB's goal to increase access to healthy food while working on programs and policies that systemically and sustainably address the root causes of food insecurity.

Jean is a recognized leader in the anti-hunger arena and Worcester County and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Project Bread, the state's leading anti-hunger organization and as a member of the Board of Trustees of UMass Memorial Health.

She has a passion for social change and food justice in the United States and around the world. Previous to WCFB, she worked as a counselor at a shelter for homeless families in Worcester, as a consultant to the Central American Peace Scholarship Program at the United States Agency for International Development and as a social scientist in sustainable agriculture at the Center for Tropical Agriculture Research and Training in Costa Rica.

Jean was born and raised in the Blackstone Valley by parents who were public school educators and who instilled in their children a life-long commitment to community service. Jean earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from Eisenhower College, the liberal arts college of the Rochester Institute of Technology.