

As first generation college students, we can completely understand Caleb Torres' situation, and the current issue college students face when it comes to food. This is a problem that we were aware of at school because the smurfs team comes from immigrant backgrounds; therefore, we know by own experience that college hunger is a current issue in college campuses. Every time we visit the dining halls, we have to think of the current balance we have in our meal plan before getting our food, and we have to limit the amount of food we get per meal. Due to our own situation, we can assure that food insecurity interacts with identities such as race and socioeconomic status because we are two latin@s who have been living in the US for less than five years, and attending college has been almost unaffordable. Our socioeconomic background is a result of our race because our parents migrated to US territory, but our living conditions are not the same as one of a person who is not first generation attending college in the US.

List of Organizations that addresses food insecurity:

1. The Binghamton Food Rescue
2. American Red Cross of the Southern Tier
3. Turthpharm
4. Compassionate Care
 - Helps people with traumatic brain injuries
5. Food Bank of the Southern Tier
 - One of the biggest needs of the community is access to food
6. VINES
7. Broome County Council of Churches
8. CHOW
9. Ross Park Zoo
10. Robertson Museum
11. Gigi's Playhouse
 - Serves adults and kids with down syndrome

The organization we chose is located at Binghamton, NY. The Binghamton Food Rescue organization's main goal is to distribute local food from farms to the areas and people, including students, at Binghamton that would not be able to afford healthy and affordable food.

How can we get involved?

Binghamton's Food Rescue accepts donations and volunteer services. As of now, I believe there is a restriction on volunteers due to COVID restrictions. However, volunteering there is something we will definitely take into consideration in the following years at Binghamton University.

