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Founder/CEO, Swipe Out Hunger

Rachel Sumekh is the Founder & CEO of Swipe Out Hunger, the leading nonprofit addressing college hunger. Started in 2010 by a group of friends at UCLA, Swipe Out Hunger now spans more than 400 campuses in 50 states. Its original model is the Swipe Drive, which enables students to donate their extra meals to their peers facing food insecurity on campus.



Today, Swipe Out Hunger provides on-campus solutions to colleges, policy and advocacy pathways, and student empowerment practices. Sumekh is the original architect of the Hunger Free Campus Bill which has sent more than \$70 million to colleges across five states to fund antihunger programs on campuses. Her work has been recognized by The Obama White House as a “Champion of Change,” and the Forbes 30 Under 30 list. Before launching Swipe Out Hunger full-time, Sumekh followed her millennial urge to change the world and served those facing poverty as a case manager in Chicago through AmeriCorps.

Sumekh serves on the board of her Jewish spiritual community, IKAR, and is a proud graduate of UCLA. She credits her upbringing as the child of Iranian Jewish refugees for her intersectional perspective.