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Carolyn Wetzel Chen has fourteen years of international public health and development program design, implementation and donor relations experience. In her current role as Chief Grant Development Officer she leads Food for the Hungry's Global Service Center and 18 field offices in developing and executing a global strategy for raising resources from foundations, corporations, governments, and multi-lateral institutions. She has created systems, tools and policies to guide multi-national and multi-sector teams to identify and pursue grants. She has assembled and led teams to successfully apply for grants or contracts in the areas of nutrition, health, social and behavior change, food security, agriculture, livelihoods, education, gender empowerment and disaster risk reduction. She ensures applications include innovative ideas, established best practices in implementation, integration and evaluation or innovative approaches to test, evidence-based interventions and support country strategic plans.

Her long-term professional specialty has been in maternal and child health and nutrition program design and implementation, social and behavioral change and monitoring and evaluation. Carolyn has designed and facilitated participatory trainings, using the principles of adult education for audiences of varied educational levels, in multiple languages and cultures and co-authored a training manual for Care Group Program Design and Implementation. Carolyn is an expert in developing and tracking health information systems and survey design, implementation and analysis. She has been managing teams of health professionals ranging from one to one hundred people throughout her fourteen years with FH, leading consortium projects and multi-million dollar partnerships with local and international NGOs.

Her previous positions with FH include: Director of Health Programs, '07-'13 FH/Global, Health Programs Manager, FH/Mozambique '05-'07, Child Development Program Assistant, FH/Global '01, Health and Nutrition Project Manager, FH/Peru '97-'00. Carolyn has a master's degree in International Public Health & Tropical Medicine from Tulane SPH and is a Registered Nurse, with her BSN from Biola University.