CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF
HAVE A PLANT®

2019 PBH Annual Report
OUR PURPOSE

The Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH), a 501(c)3, is the only national non-profit organization committed to helping Americans live happier, healthier lives by eating more fruits and vegetables in all of their glorious forms — fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100% juice — every day.
EXTENDING THE HAVE A PLANT® LOVE AND APPRECIATION

There is so much for the Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH) to celebrate in 2019! We are grateful to our members for their support during this transformative year. Internal restructuring, combined with outward-facing strategic efforts, have served to cement PBH’s status as a credible and convening thought leader with unique value as a trusted source for fruit- and veggie-loving consumers and influencers alike.

CELEBRATING THE HAVE A PLANT® MOVEMENT
In addition to a new Foundation logo and refreshed vision and mission, PBH launched its Have A Plant® Movement aimed at shifting fruit and vegetable behaviors, particularly among Millennials and Gen Z. Rooted in behavioral science and extensive consumer research, the Have A Plant® Movement answered consumers’ call for a simple, straightforward dialogue that speaks to their emotional food drivers and gets to the root of what all fruits and vegetables are — plants.

To compliment the new Have A Plant® consumer call-to-action, a comprehensive, consumer-driven suite of resources was created to support the produce industry and other produce promoters in their quest to help Americans fall in love with fruits and veggies:

Comprehensive Digital Ecosystem and Integrated Content Strategy
PBH launched a visually stimulating, interactive website, fruitsandveggies.org, featuring over 3,000 pages of content, 450 recipes, 50 themed series of articles, and 100 third-party contributors.

PBH also refreshed its e-newsletters and social channels with improved content to make shopping for, preparing and eating fruits and vegetables easier and more enjoyable. With more than one million followers on Facebook alone, PBH significantly grew its Instagram and Twitter following.

Elite Influencer Network
PBH created its elite influencer network of 16 Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action (FVAA), comprised of registered dietitians, chefs, sports nutrition and fitness gurus, and lifestyle experts, who offered consumers actionable, no-nonsense advice about enjoying more fruits and vegetables every single day throughout PBH’s digital ecosystem, as well as extended the Have A Plant® Movement to their audiences.

Research and Thought Leadership
PBH published its comprehensive scientific review titled “Fruits, vegetables, and health: A comprehensive narrative, umbrella review of the science and recommendations for enhanced public policy to improve intake” published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal, Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition.

In September, PBH launched National Fruits & Veggies Month (NFVM) — a formal shift from Fruits and Veggies More Matters Month — to elevate fruit and vegetable consumption to a national priority.

PBH also convened critical value chain stakeholders, health and wellness professionals, and thought leaders through its unique events and education platform to increase Americans’ fruit and vegetable consumption as part of the Have A Plant® Movement.

LEADING THE CHANGE
An unwavering commitment and collective collaboration are what it will take to advance PBH’s mission to tackle the pervasive and ongoing consumption crisis facing our nation. Yes, consumption crisis.

PBH is now positioned to lead change. The work completed in 2019 provides a strong foundation for PBH’s future work to systematically close the fruit and vegetable consumption gap. This is the time to lead with one voice — one purpose — one call-to-action. We’re just getting started.

Read on … and, in the meantime, here’s a plan — Have A Plant®!

Wendy Reinhardt Kapsak, MS, RDN
President and CEO, Produce for Better Health Foundation

“THIS MOVEMENT IS MORE THAN JUST TODAY. THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. AND SO WHEN WE CAN MAKE NATURE SECOND NATURE, THAT’S WHEN WE KNOW THAT WE’VE MADE A REAL SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.”
- Wendy Reinhardt Kapsak, MS, RDN, President and CEO of Produce for Better Health Foundation
2019 PBH KEY MILESTONES AND SUCCESSES

- Introduced New PBH Branding
- Received FMI National Family Meals Month Gold Plate Award
- Launched Inaugural Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action Elite Influencer Network
- Published Have A Plant® Brand Guidelines and Influencer Playbook
- Released 2018 PBH Annual Report Showcasing Initial Transformative Growth
- Hosted Foodservice and Culinary Influencers at PBH Fresh Concepts Event and Partnered with PMA on its Foodservice ThinkTank
- Launched National Fruits & Veggies Month and Corresponding Four Week Celebration of Fruits and Vegetables
- Introduced Have A Plant® Movement to Fitness Professionals at IDEA® World Expo
- Hosted Media Influencers in Partnership with Produce Business Magazine at the New York Produce Show
- Hired New Marketing and Communications Director
- Convened PBH Executive Committee and PBH Leadership Advisory Council for Strategic Planning
- Launched the Have A Plant® Movement and Corresponding Digital Ecosystem Including Fruitsandveggies.org at PBH’s Consumer Connection Conference
- Introduced PBH KNOW-FEEL-DO Behavioral Framework
- Released 2020 PBH Member Prospectus with New Digital, Social, Retail and Foodservice Engagement Opportunities
- Hosted Food and Nutrition Influencers at the United Fresh Convention & Expo
- Introduced Have A Plant® Movement to Food and Nutrition Professionals at AND’s FNCE®
- Implemented New Member Engagement Director Position
- Hosted Retail RDs at PBH Education2Action Event alongside PMA Fresh Summit Conference & Expo
- Initiated New Member Engagement Process
- Ongoing PBH member engagement and strategic counsel; member farm tour and influencer event support with PBH-generated, consumer-facing content; and media relations
CLAIMING PLANT-FORWARD FOR PRODUCE

LAUNCHED NEW HAVE A PLANT® CONSUMER MOVEMENT

If we want Americans to eat more fruits and vegetables, we need to engage them in relevant ways that align with how they are living in today’s rapidly changing, digital world. Research shows, rather than a prescriptive recommendation to eat a certain amount of fruits and vegetables each day, consumers (particularly Gen Z and Millennials) want actionable, realistic and FUN approaches that make eating fruits and vegetables easy, helping them feel confident, happy and healthy. That’s where PBH’s new Have A Plant® Movement, which was launched in April 2019, comes in.

Have A Plant® is a way to tap into the emotional connection consumers have to the fruit and vegetable eating experience while inspiring long-term, sustainable behavior change.

An extensive behavioral science and consumer data analysis effort revealed that consumers are motivated by the immediate emotional satisfaction of eating fruits and vegetables, more so than longer term physical benefits. Content targeting Millennials and Gen Z consumers can be most effective when it shifts from a “knowledge-based” story of facts and figures, to more powerful, yet straightforward, ideas and actions based on “feeling” and “doing.” PBH calls this its “KNOW-FEEL-DO” behavioral framework. And, with more people trying to enjoy plant-packed meals more often, Have A Plant® reminds them that all fruits and vegetables are delicious plants.

Social content analytics identified a current of advocacy naturally flows among digitally connected Millennials and Gen Z consumers. This offers an endless platform for PBH and its partners to tap into and boost fruit and vegetable consumption. Since April 2019, millions of Americans have been inspired to join the Have A Plant® Movement.

"THE PRODUCE INDUSTRY AND PBH AS AN ORGANIZATION ARE BEST POSITIONED TO LEAD THE PLANT FORWARD DIALOGUE WITH THE HAVE A PLANT® MOVEMENT, AND IF WE DON’T DO IT, SOMEONE ELSE WILL."

- Jason Osborn, Director of Marketing, The Wonderful Company; PBH Marketing and Communications Committee Co-Chair; and winner of a 2019 PBH Excellence in Leadership Award
PBH social media channels experienced tremendous growth.

- **265%** increase in reach on Facebook and Instagram
- **270%** increase in impressions
- **40%** increase in impressions on Twitter

PBH continued to engage **1 MILLION+ FOLLOWERS** on Facebook and grew its following on Twitter and Instagram.

**170** branded PBH member social media posts

**159,595** average impressions earned for member posts on PBH social media channels

**1,003,559** impressions garnered by top member post

**2,182,306** average impressions generated from #haveaplastchat Tweet Chats

**Fruitsandveggies.org has grown significantly since the launch.**

**1.2M** Page views

Page views:
- Apr - Dec: 1.2M
- Site users are up 114%
- Sessions are up 110%
- Pageviews are up 111%

**EXPANDED AND IMPROVED E-NEWSLETTERS**

In 2019, PBH completely restructured its e-newsletter approach for all audiences. PBH strategically optimized each e-newsletter per audience: consumers with the Have A Plant® newsletter, fruit and vegetable industry members with PBH Platforms, and health and wellness influencers with PBH Connection — all while providing members with more opportunities to integrate branded as well as fruit- and vegetable-specific content.

**INTRODUCED FRUITSANDVEGGIES.ORG**

PBH’s new website, fruitsandveggies.org, was launched in April, inspiring consumers and influencers to eat more fruits and vegetables for happier, healthier lives. It re-imagined and refreshed PBH’s most popular content to immerse Millennials and Gen Z consumers in an inspirational fruit and vegetable culture. Frequently added stories and series, tied to intriguing editorial content themes, created an intuitive search-and-discovery zone that celebrated fruits and vegetables in PBH’s signature KNOW-FEEL-DO way. PBH members utilized opportunities to include both branded as well as fruit- and vegetable-specific content.
National Fruits & Veggies Month reached millions in its first year.

26,992,773 potential reach from 494 social posts using #haveaplantpledge and #NFVM2019

65,898,421 potential reach based on 188 media mentions

2,288,796 potential reach from 126 social media posts on PBH channels

4,060,816 potential Tweet Chat impressions

CLAIMED SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL FRUITS & VEGGIES MONTH

In 2019, PBH claimed September as National Fruits & Veggies Month to celebrate all fruits and vegetables; encourage consumers to eat more every day; and elevate fruit and vegetable consumption as a national priority. As part of the month-long celebration, Americans committed to adding one more fruit or vegetable to their daily routine, by taking the #haveaplantpledge. Activities spanned weekly social media contests, a Have A Plant® T-shirt promotion, a National Fruits & Veggies Month Tweet Chat, earned media relations and extensive influencer engagement.
HAVE A PLANT® MADE HEADLINES IN 2019
EXTENDING INFLUENCER ENGAGEMENT

LAUNCHED THE PBH FRUIT & VEGETABLE AMBASSADORS IN ACTION (FVAA) ELITE INFLUENCER NETWORK

In 2019, PBH introduced its very first elite influencer network: Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action (FVAA). This prominent group of food, nutrition and lifestyle influencers have a collective reach of nearly one million consumers through social media. They were and continue to be passionate about extending the Have A Plant® Movement through compelling content creation for PBH’s social channels, fruitsandveggies.org, the Have A Plant® e-newsletter, as well as their own platforms.

Together, PBH and the FVAA reached more than **52 MILLION** consumers on social media with the Have A Plant® Movement from April - December 2019.

Meet the 2019 PBH Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action Inaugural Class

- Valerie Agyeman, RD  
  Flourish Heights

- Leslie Bonci, MPH, RD, CSSD  
  Active Eating Advice

- Neva Cochran, MS, RD  
  Eating Beyond the Headlines

- Beau Coffron  
  Lunchbox Dad

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  Eating Beyond the Headlines

- Jeanette Godley, RD  
  BodyFuel

- Chef Andrew Dole, RD  
  BodyFuel

- Chef Abbie Gellman, MS, RD  
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- Cara Harbstreet, MS, RD, LD  
  Street Smart Nutrition

- Emily Kyle, MS, RD  
  Emily Kyle Nutrition

- Kristina Leibow, RD, CSSD  
  Love & Zest

- Adam Rosenzweig  
  Domesticate ME

- Kim Schweibenbauer, MS, RD, CSSD  
  Fuel Your Passion

- Lori Taylor  
  The Produce Moms™

- Jonathan Valdez, MBA, RDN  
  Grilled Nutrition

- Manuel Villacorta, MS, RDN  
  Manuel Villacorta Nutrition

- Serena Wolf  
  Domesticate ME

“I AM VERY EXCITED TO BE ONE OF THE FIRST PBH FRUIT & VEGETABLE AMBASSADORS IN ACTION AND TO HELP LAUNCH THE AMAZING HAVE A PLANT® MOVEMENT. EATING BRINGS EMOTIONS ... FOOD IS LOVE. I’M HERE TO HELP AMERICANS EAT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES BY SHOWING SIMPLE AND DELICIOUS WAYS TO INCLUDE PLANTS IN YOUR DIET.”

- Manuel Villacorta, MS, RDN,  
  Leading Weight Loss and Nutrition Expert; Spokesperson and Author; and winner of the 2019 PBH Influencer of the Year Award
CONNECTED WITH FOOD AND FITNESS INFLUENCERS
In 2019, PBH leveraged several opportunities to advance the Have A Plant® Movement with key influencers from diverse backgrounds. In June, PBH hosted a group of retail and foodservice RDs, food bloggers, media RDs, nutrition consultants, and leaders from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) at the United Fresh Produce Association’s Convention & Expo. PBH also acquainted thousands of fitness professionals with the Have A Plant® Movement through an interactive booth at the IDEA® World Expo.

ENGAGED NUTRITION INFLUENCERS
In October, PBH connected with more than 10,000 food and nutrition professionals at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE®). Dietitians learned about the Have A Plant® Movement through an in-booth photo opp experience. In addition, PBH activated “boots-on-the-ground education”, presenting Have A Plant® to several exclusive audiences throughout the five-day show.

OPTIMIZED TWEET CHATS
Twitter continues to be a hub for influencers looking to consume and share the latest news. Through its influencer-focused #haveaplantchat, PBH tapped the Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action (FVAA) as well as its extended network of influencer friends, to share PBH and member messaging. PBH hosted five influencer-led Tweet Chats in 2019. Topics included mini changes for the New Year, smoothie bowls, and getting creative with fruits and veggies, among others.

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CONVENED EXPERT-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS WEBINARS
Health and wellness professionals look to PBH for cutting-edge virtual education to help expand knowledge through new research, trends, product innovations and culinary inspirations from a diverse group of expert speakers. PBH held six webinars in 2019 on a variety of topics including the impact of fruits and vegetables on emotional well-being, healthy aging and sustainability, among others.

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MAXIMIZING INFLUENCE AND THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

SOLIDIFIED ITS ROLE AS A DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER
PBH regularly connected with millions of consumers as well as the food, nutrition and health influencers who shape their decisions, through its comprehensive digital ecosystem. In 2019, PBH doubled-down on its digital efforts to bring people delicious, yet simple fruit and vegetable solutions, so they can easily add fruits and vegetables to more meals and snacks each day. Consumers responded positively, and PBH’s position as an influencer on behalf of its members and the entire fruit and vegetable supply chain was solidified.

- 1,023,000+ Facebook Likes
- 160,000+ Website Sessions Per Month
- 62,400+ Twitter Followers
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- Jim Prevor, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Produce Business Magazine

SERVED INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC GOOD AS A THOUGHT LEADER
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17 different types of cancer as well as cardiovascular disease, immunity, infection, lung health, mental health and cognition, bone health, eye health, gut health, among other health outcomes. Findings confirm that eating at least five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day not only helps to reduce the risk of chronic disease, but also extends both life expectancy and quality as well as protects us from a range of other disorders.

The findings offer public health messaging strategies that are reflective of current science. In fact, Dr. Wallace also provided oral comment on behalf of PBH at the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans Advisory Committee’s second meeting in Washington, D.C. to ensure that fruits and vegetables continue to be prioritized as a key food group central to Americans’ health and well-being.

"Our findings confirm that eating at least five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day has benefits far beyond providing basic nutritional requirements. Increasing fruit and vegetable intake not only helps to ward off chronic disease, but also extends both life expectancy and quality."

-Taylor Wallace, PhD, CFS, FACN, PBH Chief Food and Nutrition Scientist; Principal & CEO, the Think Healthy Group and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Nutrition & Food Studies, George Mason University

Dr. Taylor Wallace gets ready to deliver PBH’s comments at the second meeting of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans Advisory Committee in July 2019.
**DEMONSTRATED PBH’S BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE EXPERTISE**

Studies suggest there is an association between produce consumption and emotional well-being. PBH’s consumer-facing Have A Plant® Movement and corresponding digital ecosystem showcased the full set of well-being benefits of produce consumption, in addition to the health benefits, which consumers already largely understand.

In 2019, PBH championed a transformative shift toward FEELing and DOing as well as provided thought leadership in its execution.

**Contributed Behavioral Expertise**

Dr. Riis created a Behavioral Science Series on fruitsandveggies.org on how behavioral science and the development of fruit-and-veggie-related habits can increase consumption. The series was viewed nearly 3,000 times in December 2019 alone. PBH Chief Behavioral Scientist, Jason Riis, PhD, along with PBH President & CEO Wendy Reinhardt Kapsak, MS, RDN, presented PBH’s KNOW-FEEL-DO behavioral science framework to thousands of dietitians at meetings of the California and Texas state affiliates of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND). Dr. Riis also spoke about the framework at the 2019 PBH Consumer Connection Conference.

By celebrating the wide range of emotional benefits of produce consumption, the produce industry can engage consumers and the influencers guiding their purchase decisions. Emotion-based messages are also shared more often by consumers.

**The new science of behavior change has much to say about how we can narrow consumers’ intention-action gap, particularly with PBH’s signature KNOW-FEEL-DO approach that is the behavioral science behind the Have A Plant® Movement.**

**Enhanced PBH’s Research And Consumer Insights Platform**

In 2019, PBH began planning for its next signature State of the Plate Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in America report. The next iteration of this research, to be fielded in 2020, includes concrete recommendations for understanding the intention-action gap consumers face when it comes to eating fruits and vegetables. Additional customized consumer research incorporating PBH’s KNOW-FEEL-DO behavioral framework is also planned. This research will include new approaches to measuring concepts like fruit and veggie habits. This important work will lay the foundation for tackling the consumption crisis as an industry.

**“AMERICANS’ PRODUCE CONSUMPTION IS ABOUT HALF WHAT IT SHOULD BE ACCORDING TO MAINSTREAM NUTRITION SCIENCE. THE PROBLEM IS NOT SIMPLY A KNOWLEDGE GAP, SINCE AMERICANS GENERALLY BELIEVE THAT THEY OUGHT TO BE EATING MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. RATHER, THE PROBLEM IS AN INTENTION-ACTION GAP: PEOPLE ARE NOT DOING WHAT THEY KNOW THEY SHOULD.”**

- Jason Riis, PhD, PBH Chief Behavioral Scientist; President, Behavioralize and Senior Fellow at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Jason Riis presents PBH’s signature KNOW-FEEL-DO behavioral framework at the 2019 PBH Consumer Connection Conference.
INSPIRED CHANGE THROUGH EDUCATION

Held in coordination with the launch of the Have A Plant® Movement, the 2019 PBH Consumer Connection Conference showcased the undeniable power of collaboration and the connectivity from industry to influencer to consumer. The informative education sessions delivered consumer insights, compelling evidence and proven actionable intelligence from thought leaders and industry insiders. Attendees enjoyed plant-forward foodscapes that showcased the versatility and cravability of fruits and vegetables in every form. Leveraging PBH’s extensive influencer network and PBH’s own popular social media channels, the entire 3-day experience was shared live, in real-time with hundreds of thousands of consumers.

100% of attendees agree the conference met or exceeded expectations

40+ top-tier consumer influencers from retail, culinary, foodservice, fitness and healthy lifestyle platforms hosted as PBH VIPs

200+ Industry titans, thought leaders and consumer influencer attendees

1.2M social media impressions in 3 days

“This is the only event that convenes value chain stakeholders, top-tier consumer influencers and thought leaders for the purpose of advancing the food dialogue and elevating fruit and vegetable consumption to a national priority.”

- Bil Goldfield, Director of Corporate Communications, Dole Food Company and 2019 PBH Vice Chair of the Board

“THE ONLY WAY TO SHIFT CONSUMPTION BEHAVIORS IS THROUGH COLLABORATION. THIS CONFERENCE HAS THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT PLACE TO DO SO. CHANGE BEGINS HERE.”

- Bil Goldfield, Director of Corporate Communications, Dole Food Company and 2019 PBH Vice Chair of the Board

Bil Goldfield addresses attendees at the 2019 PBH Consumer Connection Conference.
PARTNERED WITH CONSUMER INFLUENCERS — PBH’S SWEET SPOT

In 2019, PBH launched its first full throttle influencer networking party, the Power of Produce Social Soirée. A signature plant-centric culinary exploration collided with social media brilliance as industry members and PBH’s Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action (FVAA) united to create a social tsunami. Motivating messaging and compelling content highlighting sponsor products excited consumers about the Have A Plant® Movement.

“Influencers lead with emotion and experience as well as taste and flavor to motivate consumer food decisions, aligning with our overall brand transformation. We will build and nurture a community of passionate experts, who authentically and credibly advocate for enjoying more fruits and vegetables.”

~Wendy Reinhardt Kapsak, MS, RDN, PBH President and CEO

FACILITATED INTIMATE COLLABORATION

Every year, PBH Consumer Connection Conference partners have the opportunity to schedule 1:1 CONNECT appointments with highly coveted consumer-facing retail and foodservice influencers and other industry leaders in a one-on-one setting. These appointments provide an intimate networking opportunity for PBH members to introduce their products, brands and initiatives. In 2019 PBH introduced a new premium matchmaker service to pair and introduce sponsors to VIP attendees who align with their unique business goals.

“The theme throughout the conference educational sessions really told a complete story from beginning to end. It was inspirational, educational and energizing. Job well done!”

~ Anonymous Consumer Connection attendee

Fruit & Vegetable Ambassador in Action Cara Harbstreet films a video for Instagram from the 2019 PBH Consumer Connection Conference.

Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action Jonathan Valdez (left) and Valerie Aygeman (right) host the Power of Produce Social Soirée at the 2019 PBH Consumer Connection Conference.

Welch’s Health and Wellness Manager Hannah Kalet meets with PBH Fruit & Vegetable Ambassador in Action, Neva Cochran, MS, RD, during a 1:1 CONNECT appointment at the 2019 PBH Consumer Connection Conference.
DRIVING SHOPPER SOLUTIONS

With 1,000 dietitians representing more than 10,000 grocery stores, they have powerful influence on healthy selections at the point-of-purchase. They are also natural promoters of fruits and vegetables. Retailers understand that health and wellness needs must be met in addition to convenience and ease.

DELORED POWERFUL PRODUCE PAIRINGS PROGRAM

The PBH Powerful Produce Pairings retail promotions, where fruits and vegetables are paired with other nutrient-dense foods, providing easy, healthy shopper solutions, provided an opportunity for retailers to increase sales of healthier choices in their stores and appealed to a broad range of shoppers.

Shoppers learned about promotions through traditional media, Facebook Live segments, website banner ads, as well as the retailer’s circular and in-store magazine. A key element of these successful promotions was the partnership with retail RDs.

In 2019, PBH Powerful Produce Pairings included 4 different retailer promotions. Tailored options and customized retail promotions were available to best meet member business goals.

2019 PBH Powerful Produce Pairings at Coborn’s, Fresh Thyme, SaveMart and Giant Eagle were met with astonishing success.

3.3 million+ consumers reached

600% average sales lift for partner companies

"PRODUCE PAIRINGS PROMOTIONS ARE SPOT ON FOR OUR SHOPPERS AND OUR COMPANY. NOT ONLY DO THEY OFFER HEALTHY, CONVENIENT SOLUTIONS, THEY DRIVE SALES FROM VARIOUS STORE DEPARTMENTS."

- Meghan Sedivy, RD, LDN, Media Spokesperson and Corporate Registered Dietitian for Fresh Thyme Farmers Market

Meghan Sedivy contributes her expertise during an education session at the 2019 PBH Education2Action Retail Dietitian Event.
EXPANDED EDUCATION2ACTION ACTIVITIES

Every year PBH brings retail RDs together for its Education2Action event, held in conjunction with Produce Marketing Association (PMA) Fresh Summit Conference & Expo. In 2019, activities ranged from customized booth visits, an in-field strawberry experience and education sessions focused on how to engage shoppers on specialty produce items, global trade issues, and best practices for produce promotions and merchandising. The RDs walked away inspired to promote the Have A Plant® Movement.

“Hands down the best, most helpful conference I’ve attended. The scheduled booth visits were much more beneficial than attending booths on your own and trying to engage with their representatives. You did a great job connecting retail RDs with information that is relevant to our positions in our companies.”

– Anonymous Education2Action attendee

“SHIFTING THE CONVERSATION AROUND EATING MORE PRODUCE TO THE IMMEDIATE EXPERIENCE ONE HAS WHEN DOING SO AND LAYERING THE EMOTIONAL CONNECTION TO FOOD AND WHY WE CHOOSE THE FOODS WE DO IS BOLD, INTENTIONAL AND AN AWESOME WAY TO LEAD THE CONVERSATION OF SO MANY DIETITIANS AND NUTRITION EXPERTS TO WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE.”

– Carrie Taylor, RDN, LDN, RYT, Lead Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Big Y Foods

Carrie Taylor (middle) poses with fellow retail RDs at the Sunkist booth on the PMA Fresh Summit Conference & Expo show floor.
In 2019, PBH launched a multi-year foodservice engagement strategy to help increase use of fruits and vegetables within foodservice operations. PBH inspired support of the Have A Plant® Movement among foodservice leaders from chain restaurants, contract foodservice companies, and large campus dining operations who influence what’s on menus in large volume operations across the U.S.

HOSTED FOODSERVICE LEADERS AT PBH’S CONSUMER CONNECTION CONFERENCE
A variety of menu R&D leaders and influencers were invited to attend the PBH’s 2019 Consumer Connection Conference. Their attendance strengthened their commitment to increasing use of fruits and vegetables, as well as their relationships with produce industry leaders and consumer influencers.

PAIRING PRODUCE AND FOODSERVICE

HOSTED FOODSERVICE LEADERS AT FRESH CONCEPTS EVENT
In July 2019, PBH hosted its Fresh Concepts event, held in conjunction with the PMA Foodservice Conference and Expo. Attendees included thought leaders from top college and university dining operations who influence menu strategy at campuses across this country, as well as leaders from Black Angus, Compass Group North America and Sodexo among others.

INSPIRED FOODSERVICE LEADERS AT FRESH CONCEPTS EVENT
The culinary and foodservice leaders participated in focus group discussions with potato breeders from HZPC, field and processing facility tours with Taylor Farms Foodservice, a field tour followed by a chef-tasting and sensory experience with Duda Farm Fresh Foods, and a new product showcase on the expo floor with Del Monte Fresh and Mann Packing. The event informed and inspired foodservice professionals who are committed to putting more produce on their menus and supporting the Have A Plant® Movement.

“I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE PASSION I SAW IN EVERYONE WE MET WITH THE PAST TWO DAYS. THESE PEOPLE ARE PROUD OF WHAT THEY DO, AND NOW I CAN SHARE THEIR PASSION WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND CUSTOMERS.”
- John Coker, President, FOODWORKS at Compass Group USA

John Coker visits the Del Monte Fresh/Mann Packing booth on the PMA Foodservice Conference & Expo show floor as part of the 2019 PBH Fresh Concepts Foodservice and Culinary event.
The past year of PBH’s transformation has been amazing. Nearly every aspect of the Foundation has grown and improved – it’s been a thrill to be a part of it and a joy to help guide it. I can’t wait to see what 2020 has in store!

- Trish Zecca, MS, 2019 PBH Chair of the Board; formerly with Campell Soup Company; and winner of a 2019 PBH Excellence in Leadership Award

Between 2018 and 2019, PBH invested $1.6M to: 1) initiate the Foundation’s significant transformation; 2) provide business-building value to members; 3) engage strategic influencers; and 4) grow consumer engagement – all to address the fruit and vegetable consumption crisis.

Produce for Better Health Foundation ended 2019 in a solid financial position. The Foundation’s balance sheet reflects total assets of more than $4.6 million and total liabilities of $1.1 million. Total net assets of $3.5 million will help ensure the stability of the Foundation for the future.

In 2019, PBH spent $583,000 in capital expenses associated with transforming the organization. These expenses are part of a three-year transformation initiative, which included investments in research and consumer insights, comprehensive digital ecosystem, influencer engagement programs, rebranding and new consumer call-to-action, to sustain the Foundation’s impact and growth.

Total 2019 Budget: $3.0 million (audited)
It takes more than PBH to advance the Have A Plant® Movement. PBH would like to commend and showcase those who worked to advance new fruit and vegetable consumption behaviors in 2019 as well as the Have A Plant® Movement.

The Have A Plant® Promoter Award recognizes industry, retail, foodservice and public health organizations that advocated for and amplified the Have A Plant® Movement by significantly incorporating the call-to-action into their promotions and marketing efforts from April - December 2019.

2019 Industry Have A Plant® Promoter Award Recipients
Barsotti Family Juice Company
Blue Book Services
Campbell Soup Company
Naturipe Farms, LLC
Okanagan Specialty Fruits – Arctic® Apples
Pacific Coast Producers
Produce Business
Ruiz Sales, Inc.
Stemilt
The Packer
The Produce News

2019 Retail Have A Plant® Promoter Award Recipients
Coborn’s, Inc.
SpartanNash

2019 Foodservice Have A Plant® Promoter Award Recipient
Sysco/FreshPoint

2019 Public Health Have A Plant® Promoter Award Recipient
Meramec Elementary School Garden Club

Coborn’s, Inc.’s Registered Dietitian team, (left to right) Emily Parent, Ashley Kibutha and Amy Petersen, proudly wear their Have A Plant® T-shirts.
Emily Kyle, Emily Kyle Nutrition
Kristina LoRue, Love and Zest
Adam Rosante, Adam Rosante
Kimberly Schwabenbauer, Fuel Your Passion
Lori Taylor, The Produce Moms®
Jonathan Valdez, Genki Nutrition
Manuel Villacorta, Manuel Villacorta Nutrition
Serena Wolf, Domesticate Me

2019 PBH Retail Dietitian of the Year Award
This award recognizes an individual retail dietitian who has gone above and beyond to promote the consumption of fruits and vegetables at their retailer.

This year PBH awarded Natalie Gillett, MS, RD, ShopRite/Inserra Supermarkets for her commitment to creatively reaching multiple audiences and inspiring fruit and vegetable consumption.

2019 PBH Foodservice Leader of the Year Award
This award recognizes an individual volume foodservice professional who has excelled in promoting increased fruit and vegetable consumption in their foodservice operation.

This year PBH awarded Ken Toong, Executive Director of Auxiliary Enterprises at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst for his ongoing efforts to promote increased fruits and vegetables in all UMass dining environments.

2019 PBH Influencer of the Year Award
This award recognizes an individual who has gone above and beyond in promoting Have A Plant® into their social media, digital and/or other personal outreach.

In 2019, PBH awarded Manuel Villacorta, MS, RDN, Manuel Villacorta Nutrition for his passion for produce that shines through in his Facebook Live videos bringing consumers creative ideas and thoughtful nutrition tips for how to #haveaplant every single day for happier, healthier lives.

2019 PBH National Fruits & Veggies Month Advocate Award
PBH honored a special Fruit & Vegetable Ambassador in Action for her overwhelming support during National Fruits & Veggies Month in September 2019.

Neva Cochran, MS, RDN, FAND, author of Eating Beyond the Headlines blog, posted her fruit- and veggie-packed meals on her social media channels every single day during the month of September.

2019 Have A Plant® Promoter Awards for Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action (FVAA)
PBH recognized the efforts and dedication of its 2019 Fruit & Vegetable Ambassadors in Action (FVAA) by honoring them with 2019 PBH Have A Plant® Promoter Awards for their amazing efforts in promoting fruits and veggies directly to consumers through their various social and digital channels as a volunteer.

Valerie Agyeman, Flourish Heights
Leslie Bonci, Active Eating Advice
Neva Cochran, Eating Beyond the Headlines
Beau Coffron, Lunchbox Dad
Andrew Dole, Body Fuel
Abbie Gellman, Chef Abbie Gellman
Cora Harbstreet, Street Smart Nutrition

2019 Have A Plant® University Competition Winners
PBH recognized three universities for their outstanding Have A Plant® campus campaigns.

Executed in the fall of 2019, the schools were charged with creatively encouraging college students to enjoy more fruits and vegetables. Whether it was through fruit and vegetable sampling programs or creative social media campaigns to encourage students to take the Have A Plant® Pledge, the following three universities deserve their own standing ovation.

Arizona State University
Concordia University, St. Paul
University of Wisconsin

2019 PBH Excellence in Leadership Award
This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding dedication to the growth of PBH through the advancement of membership, programming and/or thought leadership.

This year PBH recognized this dedicated and distinct group of leaders who not only helped to drive PBH’s transformation in 2019, but have truly helped PBH to achieve exceptional growth year over year.

Matt Middleton, Ventura Foods
Jason Osborn, Wonderful Company
Roger Pepperl, Stemilt
Richard Ruiz, Ruiz Sales, Inc.
Trish Zecca, Campbell Soup Company

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January 1, 2019 through January 10, 2020. Includes organizations that make annual contributions and provide support with sponsorships. Does not include gifts-in-kind.

### $50,000+

- Bayer
- Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc.
- Produce Marketing Association
- Stemitl Growers LLC
- Taylor Farms
- The Wonderful Company

### $25,000+

- California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement
- California Strawberry Commission
- California Walnut Board
- Chelan Fresh Marketing
- Del Monte Company, Inc.
- Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc.
- Kellogg Company
- The Kroger Company
- Seneca Foods Corporation
- Sun-Maid Growers of California
- Ventura Foods

### $15,000+

- Ahold USA
- Sun-Maid Growers of California
- United Fresh Produce Association
- Ventura Foods

### $5,000+

- Amiga Farms, Inc.
- Amvac Chemical Corporation
- Andrews Brothers, Inc.
- Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc.
- Big B Farms, Inc.
- Big Y Foods, Inc.
- Blue Book Services, Inc.
- Bowman Fruit Sales
- Buuny’s, Inc.
- California Avocado Commission
- California Date Administrative Board
- California Fresh Carrot Advisory Board
- California Fig Advisory Board
- California Prune Board
- California Table Grape Commission
- California Wine Board

### UP TO $5,000

- A.J. Trucco, Inc.
- Affiliated Foods, Inc., Texas
- Alsum Farms & Produce, Inc.
- American Mushroom Institute
- Amiga Farms, Inc.
- Amvac Chemical Corporation
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### Other

- Red Sun Farms
- Robinson Fresh
- StarKist Co.
- Vestcom International, Inc.
- Red Blossom Sales, Inc.
- Bob Evans Farms, Inc.
- Calavo Growers, Inc.
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Google Ads
The Packer

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Blue Book Services, Inc.
Produce Business Magazine
Produce Marketing Association

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CFG Produce, Inc.
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FEXY
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
Joe Produce
New England Produce Council
Phoenix Media Network, Inc.
Southeast Produce Council
Texas International Produce Association
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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Eating fruits and vegetables can benefit your health and may even boost your mood. These colorful creations grew up out of the ground, and they’ve got tons of upside. So, by all means, #haveaplant

TAKE THE HAVE A PLANT® PLEDGE
Take the Have A Plant® pledge to add one more fruit or vegetable to your routine everyday. #haveaplantpledge

SPREAD THE WORD
We encourage you to share the message and “be the movement.” If there’s food and fun being had, the people having it have a lot to gain from having a plant. So, let them know! #haveaplant

DONATE
The Have A Plant® Movement was initiated by the Produce For Better Health Foundation (PBH) to help more people enjoy the benefits of all fruits and vegetables. And we, like most people, could always use a little more help to achieve our goals.

BECOME A PBH FRUIT & VEGETABLE AMBASSADOR IN ACTION
Help us spread the fruit and veggie love! Whether you grow plants — fruits and veggies, that is — sell plants, serve plants, or just feel strongly about people having more fruit and vegetable plants, you can really help us by becoming a PBH Ambassador and getting the word out.

BECOME A MEMBER
Help millions of people transform their lifestyles with fruits and vegetables. PBH members join other thought leaders and work together to help more people live happier, healthier lives by eating and enjoying more fruits and vegetables. Come run with us!

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