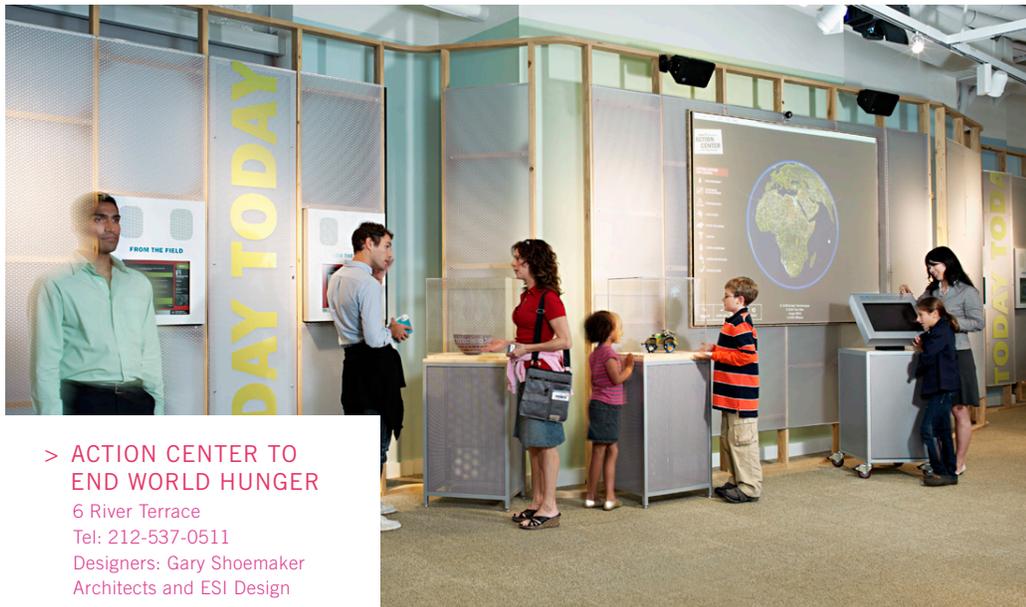


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OPEN> EDUCATION CENTER



> ACTION CENTER TO  
END WORLD HUNGER  
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The Action Center to End Hunger recently opened as an interactive educational center for global hunger whose mission is to inspire and teach people how they can participate in the struggle. Located in Battery Park City near the Irish Hunger Memorial and the future September 11 Memorial and Museum, the facility is a partnership between Gary Shoemaker Architects and ESI Design for the development and relief organization Mercy Corps. The center is conceived to be an open space defined by five main areas: entry, briefing, training, taking action, and back-of-house. The readymade aesthetic—an open ceiling grid and exposed wooden framing—reinforces the filed station metaphor. The sustainable building consultants Steven Winter Associates helped them include recycled materials like synthetic gypsum board, recycled denim insulation, recycled glass tiles, low-VOC paints, and shelving and furniture made from deconstructed homes that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The center is expected to achieve the first LEED Platinum status for a commercial interior in New York City.

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