



# Food Bank of WNY

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## Food Bank of Western New York names three new members to Board of Directors

**BUFFALO (July 11, 2016)** — Michael J. Prendergast, Chair of the Food Bank of Western New York's Board of Directors, is pleased to announce that Gary Bluestein, Esq., Tim Boyle, and Karen L. Merkel were elected to the Board during its recent annual meeting.

Mr. Bluestein is a Partner at Andreozzi, Bluestein, Weber, Brown, LLP, where he focuses his practice exclusively on tax representation. He returns to the Board of Directors, having previously served from 2007 through 2013. He was most recently a member of the Food Bank's Community Advisory Council. Mr. Bluestein founded the organization's annual Walk Off Hunger and Summerfest, and serves as the fundraiser's Honorary Chair. Mr. Bluestein is also a member of the Food Bank's Resource Development Committee. He resides in East Amherst.

Mr. Boyle is a Vice President at NOCO, Inc. and General Manager of the Real Estate Division. Among his many skills, Mr. Boyle will bring to the Board his knowledge of strategic business planning, business management, financial modeling, and contract negotiation. Mr. Boyle is a member of the Food Bank's Physical Systems and Safety/Distribution Committee, and resides in Williamsville.

Ms. Merkel is the Director of Corporate Communications for National Fuel, where, among her many responsibilities, she oversees the company's Foundation. A seasoned communicator, Ms. Merkel brings to the Board more than 30 years of experience in developing, managing, and implementing marketing communication strategies across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. She is a member of the Food Bank's Agency Services and Resource Development committees, and resides in Williamsville.

Also re-elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms were Glenn A. Butler, Vice President of Personal Touch Food Service, Inc.; Stephanie Geter, Director of Head Start Partnership at Buffalo State College; and Scott C. Terhaar, CPA, Chief Financial Officer at ValueCentric LLC.

"We are honored to have Gary, Tim, and Karen join our esteemed Board of Directors, as well as have Glenn, Stephanie, and Scott renew their terms," said Mr. Prendergast. "The unique talents and wealth of experience that each member brings to the table help the Board to continue the Food Bank's mission of obtaining and distributing nutritious food to the hungry in Western New York."

*(The Food Bank of WNY is the primary hunger-relief organization in Western New York, obtaining and distributing food to 329 member agencies including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, youth programs, and senior centers in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara counties. Through these agencies, the Food Bank of WNY serves as many as 129,322 individuals in any given month, including more than 44,000 families, 45,000 children, and nearly 17,000 seniors. For more information, visit [www.foodbankwny.org](http://www.foodbankwny.org).)*