



# Food Bank of WNY

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## **Food Bank of WNY promotes Elyse Burgher to Agency & Community Programs Manager**

**BUFFALO** (February 22, 2017)— Marylou Borowiak, President & CEO of the Food Bank of Western New York, recently announced the promotion of Elyse Burgher to Agency & Community Programs Manager. Ms. Burgher previously served as a field nutritionist for the Food Bank's Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables Program.

In her new role, Ms. Burgher will oversee all aspects of the Food Bank's youth, outreach, and nutrition programs throughout the organization's four-county service area. These programs include the Baby Needs, BackPack and School Pantry programs under the Food Bank's Food for Kids Initiative; the Mobile Food Pantry, which provides fresh, perishable items such as fruits, vegetables, and dairy products directly to community members in need; and cooking and nutrition education classes such as Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables, which promotes increased consumption of nutritious foods through workshops and recipe demonstrations.

Ms. Burgher's responsibilities will also include the supervision of a staff of program coordinators and field nutritionists, the development and management of program budgets, and grant monitoring and reporting. She was hired by the Food Bank of WNY in 2014 after previously working at the All Faiths Food Bank in Florida.

"Elyse has made a significant impact within our organization and the Western New York community since she joined our Food Bank family three years ago, and she will undoubtedly continue to excel in her new position," said Marylou Borowiak, President & CEO of the Food Bank of WNY. "Not only does she possess a thorough knowledge of food banking, but she is committed to our mission of obtaining and distributing nutritious food and support to those who are hungry in WNY."

Ms. Burgher earned a Master of Public Health from the University at Buffalo as well as a Bachelor of Science from the Pennsylvania State University. She currently resides in Williamsville, N.Y.

***(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).)***