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Marylou Borowiak Announces Plans to Step Down at the Food Bank of WNY

BUFFALO (April 26, 2017) – Marylou Borowiak, who has been affiliated with the Food Bank of WNY for over 20 years, has announced plans to step down from the role of President & CEO later this year. Borowiak, 57, said in a statement that she felt the timing made sense both personally and professionally.

“This organization has grown so much over the past 20 years, and I am so proud of all the accomplishments and efficiencies our devoted team has achieved. Hunger is a serious issue in our community, and it’s important to me, the Board, and our staff that we put those we serve first and ensure a smooth transition to the next leader. This move allows me to spend more time with my family and pursue other personal goals, but at the same time I am committed to staying actively engaged in the local community in assisting many other not-for-profits I’ve been honored to be associated with over the years through volunteerism and board membership.”

Borowiak has a long history with the organization, joining the Food Bank as a dedicated board member in 1996, spending 12 years on the board including serving in the role of Board Chairperson. In 2008, Borowiak was asked to take on the role of Interim President & CEO when the Food Bank’s leader at that time, Tom Heine, fell ill. She then assumed the role of President & CEO on a full-time basis in 2009 when Mr. Heine passed away and has led the organization since.

“The Food Bank’s Executive Committee will enact our succession plan to ensure a seamless transition from Marylou’s solid leadership to our next President & CEO,” said Mike Prendergast, Chairperson of the Food Bank’s Board of Directors. “Marylou has made countless contributions to the organization, and she will be sorely missed as our leader. We are committed to fostering the legacy her leadership has helped the organization build.”

The Food Bank of WNY is the primary hunger-relief organization in Western New York, obtaining and distributing food to 341 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 134,955 individuals in any given month, including more than 44,000 families, 55,000 children and infants, and nearly 16,500 seniors. For more information, visit www.foodbankwny.org.