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Food Bank of WNY announces new hires, promotion

BUFFALO, N.Y. – The Food Bank of WNY is pleased to announce the following staff hires and promotion:

Michael Daloia was hired as the Food Bank’s Agency Services Manager. He will oversee all aspects of the Food Bank’s partnerships with its 335 member agencies throughout Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties, including agency compliance, budget and grant management and day-to-day customer service. Daloia resides in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Edward Ernst was hired to the position of Warehouse Assistant. Ernst will ensure all perishable product is stored safely and will assist in the selection of perishable product for delivery to the Food Bank’s 335 member agencies. He also will assist the Warehouse Manager with inventory. He resides in Buffalo, N.Y.

Akari Iburi was hired as the Food Bank’s Volunteer and Food Drive Coordinator. In her new position, Iburi will be responsible for assisting the Development Department with enhancing and expanding the organization’s volunteer program. She also will oversee the organization’s food drives throughout the Food Bank’s four-county service area. Iburi resides in Buffalo, N.Y.

Arielle Januskiewicz was promoted to a full-time Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables Field Nutritionist. Januskiewicz most recently held the position of part-time Nutrition Outreach Coordinator. In her new role, Januskiewicz will travel throughout the Food Bank’s four-county service area implementing a comprehensive state-funded nutrition education and obesity prevention program for low-income individuals. She resides in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Omar Parra was hired as the Food Bank’s Food Sourcing Coordinator. In this position, Parra will coordinate all food sourcing activities and donations in addition to managing relationships with donors and retailers. As part of a larger strategy, Parra also will develop and enhance the organization’s partnerships with local farmers to increase fresh produce donations. Parra resides in Buffalo, N.Y.

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About the Food Bank of WNY

The Food Bank of WNY is the primary hunger-relief organization in Western New York, obtaining and distributing food to 335 member agencies, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, group homes and youth programs in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties. Through these agencies, the Food Bank of WNY serves as many as 140,000 individuals in any given month, including 45,300 households, 54,500 children and infants and 18,370 seniors. For more information, visit www.foodbankwny.org.