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SLO Food Bank Launches Search for New Chief Executive Officer to Lead Organization

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The SLO Food Bank has launched a search for its next CEO to lead the organization.

Former CEO Kevin Drabinski left the organization by mutual agreement earlier this week.

“We thank Kevin for his contributions during his tenure and commitment to the local community,” said Steve Davis, board president of the SLO Food Bank. “Kevin worked with integrity and did a number of wonderful things to help the organization grow over the years.”

Each year, the SLO Food Bank distributes four million pounds of food, half of which is fresh produce, and serves as the primary cost-effective food source for 77 agency partners tackling hunger countywide. These combined efforts distribute food to 14,000 households and 30,000 individuals throughout San Luis Obispo County each month.

In 2020, the SLO Food Bank will be focusing on increasing efficiencies, exploring new partnerships, and expanding funding sources to meet growing demands for access to safe and healthy foods.

“The need for food support is ever-growing largely because of the affordability crisis our county is facing,” said Steve Davis, board president of the SLO Food Bank. “Those in need are your neighbors, friends, and coworkers.”

The SLO Food Bank Board of Directors has retained local nonprofit consultant Adrienne Harris to provide interim executive leadership during this transition.

“Adrienne’s presence and expertise will be a major asset to the organization,” noted Davis. “She understands the importance of sustaining services for our community members and helping us find new ways to thrive.”

Harris, who is leading the search for the organization’s next CEO, has more than 20 years of experience working with non-profit and government organizations and has extensive experience facilitating collaborations across the public and private sectors.

"I am honored to be working with the team at SLO Food Bank,” Harris said. “The dedicated staff works tirelessly to ensure access to wholesome food for everyone.”

The SLO Food Bank’s mission is to work with a network of community partners to alleviate hunger and build a healthier community. Their centralized warehouse is located at 1180 Kendall Road, San Luis Obispo.