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Nourish Food Bank Celebrates Ending Tenure of CEO, Begins Executive Search

Murfreesboro/TN - Nourish Food Bank is staged for an exciting 2024 as they launch the search for a new Executive Director. Nourish is also celebrating the service provided by the current CEO, Ladawna Parham, who exits the program at the end of 2023 after a successful 10-year tenure.

Nourish exists to feed families, fuel hope, and nourish its communities through compassionate services, supportive programs, and partnerships that create a network of care. Parham has guided Nourish from a solo location in Smyrna, Tennessee, to three locations across the area. She ushered in a delivery program, launched a wraparound services initiative to move families toward a stable future, and established a hub of services in Murfreesboro offering multiple on-site supports to people in crisis.

“Nourish has been a part of the Rutherford County community for nearly 40 years. Its grown from a modest outpost serving only a small segment of the county to serving more than one million meals a year from 3 locations — all while maintaining its commitment to feed families, fuel hope and nourish our community. Ladawna Parham and the team of staff and volunteers she’s assembled, are a tremendous part of the Nourish success story,” said Mary Littleton, Nourish Board Chair. “We look forward to hiring the next Director who we expect to build on successes Nourish has achieved under Ladawna’s tenure.”

Nourish has launched an executive search to identify its next agency leader to continue driving service and growth for the organization and the community. During the search,

current Chief Operating Officer, Norman Hanks, will step in as interim Director. Hanks is a Rutherford County native who holds a degree from Middle Tennessee State University. Hanks has previously served on the board of directors for the Rutherford County Veteran's Community Center and the Boro Pride Committee, in addition to his service to Nourish Food Bank for the past 5 years.

"I am honored the board is allowing me to step in as interim Director of Nourish Food Bank," says Hanks. "I have had the privilege to work with Ladawna for the past 5 years and to help grow the food bank into what it is today. I am anxious to take on the role of interim Director and to continue to grow the organization."

Nourish will host a reception to express its gratitude to supporters and to celebrate the accomplishments of its outgoing CEO on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nourish Hub located at 1809 Memorial Blvd., in Murfreesboro. To attend, please email admin@NourishFoodBanks.org.

Nourish believes in the importance of expressing gratitude to its funders, food drive hosts, sponsors, volunteers, community members, staff and all those who make it possible to provide nearly one million meals each year. Nourish is excited to share what is in store for Nourish in 2024 and to celebrate Parham as she transitions to her next venture.

"It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to dedicate myself to Nourish and to be part of the growth we have seen in our capacity to meet the ever-evolving needs of this amazing community," Parham says. "I leave the organization with a sense of excitement for the future Nourish will have a role in shaping and with joy in having been a piece of its story."

The search committee will post the position description on the Nourish website and other venues. For more information about this opportunity or about Nourish Food Bank, please visit the website at www.nourishfoodbanks.org or call the office at 615-203-3963.

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