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NEW MEMBER NAMED TO SOUTHEAST MISSOURI FOOD BANK BOARD

Sikeston, MO (Nov. 2, 2020) — Southeast Missouri Food Bank has announced the addition of Dr. Tony Robinson, superintendent of the Sikeston R-6 Public School District, to its board of directors.

"Dr. Robinson brings a wealth of experience and community involvement to our organization, and we're honored to have him join our board," said food bank Chief Executive Officer Joey Keys. "The food bank has had a long partnership with the Sikeston R-6 School District through our Backpacks for Friday program. Dr. Robinson has been very supportive of that program and understands the importance of access to adequate food for helping students perform at school."

Robinson also helped support a school-based food pantry and provided meals to students in the Jennings School District, where he worked as director of secondary education prior to joining the Cape Girardeau School District as deputy superintendent.

"I believe in the food bank's work and in the importance of meeting the needs of food-insecure individuals," Robinson said. "I look forward to helping the food bank develop innovative programs and partnerships to serve under-sourced communities and help those in need."

Robinson, who became Sikeston R-6 School superintendent in July 2019, is also a member of the Sikeston Regional Economic Development Corp. Board, Sikeston Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis.

Other Southeast Missouri Food Bank board members include Chairman Marty Platz, Vice Chairman Roger Guilliams, Secretary Danielle Poyner, Tiara Ross, Gary Elders, Frank Jones, Mark Avery, Julianna Montgomery Ford, Chris Conroy, Chris White and Keys.

More information about SEMO Food Bank and its programs is available at semofoodbank.org

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About Southeast Missouri Food Bank

Southeast Missouri Food Bank provides food to 140 charitable and disaster relief programs in Southeast Missouri. Member agencies include food pantries, soup

kitchens, domestic violence and homeless shelters, senior citizen programs, children's programs, and non-profit rehabilitation facilities. The food bank's 16-county coverage area includes Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, and Wayne counties. The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build a healthy community. The Food Bank is affiliated with Feeding America, the nation's largest food bank network, and has received the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator, attesting to its adherence to best practices. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or scheduling a time to volunteer. Visit semooodbank.org for more information.