

News Release

With photo of Mr. Crowe

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TYSON FOODS DEXTER PLANT MANAGER NAMED TO FOOD BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sikeston, MO (February 4, 2022) – Southeast Missouri Food Bank Board of Directors has approved the addition of Brian Crowe to the board.

Crowe is Senior Manager of the Tyson Foods grow-out facilities in Dexter. He has been with the company for 20 years.

"We are excited to have Brian join our board," said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of Southeast Missouri Food Bank. "He brings a wealth of strategic planning and warehouse logistics experience that will be incredibly helpful to our operation."

Crowe has been active in the Dexter community, serving as a board member for the Bootheel Youth Museum and is a active member of Liberty Hill Church of Aid, MO.

"I look forward to the opportunity to be involved in the good work the food bank does," Crowe said. "As I understand it, one in six families and one in five children in southeast Missouri don't have the resources to acquire enough food so it's easy to see the importance of their work."

Tyson Foods has been a longtime partner with the food bank, providing grant funding and other donations for programs to feed families facing hunger.

The food bank board also recently elected new officers. They are Roger Guilliams, Whitewater, as chairman; Mark Avery, Dexter, as vice chairman; and Danielle Poyner, Cape Girardeau, as secretary. Other board members include former chairman Marty Platz, Julianna Montgomery Ford, Chris Conroy, Dr. Tony Robinson, Chris White, Kathy Swan, Buddy Barger, Keys and Frank Jones, member emeritus.

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About Southeast Missouri Food Bank

The mission of Southeast Missouri Food Bank is to end hunger and leverage the power of food to build healthy communities. The food bank provides food to 143 charitable and disaster relief programs in Southeast Missouri. These member agencies include food pantries, soup kitchens, domestic violence and homeless shelters. Southeast Missouri Food Bank also holds regular mobile food distributions and provides monthly boxes of food to 5,350 senior citizens and weekend backpacks of food during the school year to 1,200 students in 31 school districts. 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. Those interested in helping can do so by making a tax-deductible contribution, donating food, or scheduling a time to volunteer. Visit <u>SemoFoodBank.org</u> for more information.