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Feeding Georgia Announces Julie Bryant Kuykendall as New Executive Director

Veteran communications leader brings experience, energy, and “exquisite readiness” to lead Georgia’s statewide hunger relief network

Atlanta, GA (July 2025) — Feeding Georgia, the statewide network of food banks committed to ending hunger across all 159 counties, proudly announces the appointment of **Julie Bryant Kuykendall** as its new Executive Director, effective immediately.

Julie brings more than 20 years of experience in journalism, public relations, advocacy, and strategic communications across the government, corporate, and nonprofit sectors.

"It is an extraordinary honor to step into this role at such a critical moment for our state, and for the families and neighbors who need us most across Georgia," said Julie Bryant Kuykendall, newly appointed Executive Director. "Feeding Georgia’s mission is deeply personal to me. I’ve seen firsthand how food banks nourish not just bodies, but entire communities. I come to this role with a readiness to listen, to lead, and to grow our collective impact, building on the tremendous work that has already been accomplished. I am grateful for an energized community of supporters who I know will join me in taking the next, great steps for this vital organization."

Julie’s appointment follows the transition of Danah Craft, who served as Executive Director for 14 years and helped transform Feeding Georgia into a statewide force for hunger relief. Under Danah’s leadership, the organization significantly expanded its reach, built influential partnerships, and helped raise tens of millions of meals for Georgians in need.

"Julie is a dynamic communicator, a visionary strategist, and most importantly, a champion for people," said Danah Craft, outgoing Executive Director. "Her experience across the food bank network and her passion for the work make her the right leader for this next chapter. I’m confident that Feeding Georgia’s mission will flourish in her hands."

Julie brings a remarkable blend of strategy, empathy, and execution," said Melissa Blevins, President and CEO of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and Board President of Feeding Georgia. "Her unique background and proven leadership will be instrumental as we continue to meet the growing needs of our communities and pursue a hunger-free state."

Feeding Georgia plays a central role in Georgia's hunger relief infrastructure, supporting a network of nine regional food banks. In 2024 alone, the network helped provide tens of millions of meals across the state, powered by public-private partnerships, committed donors, and policy champions.

About Feeding Georgia

Feeding Georgia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization representing a network of regional food banks serving all 159 counties in Georgia. Through advocacy, collaboration, and partnerships, Feeding Georgia works to ensure every Georgian has consistent access to nutritious food.

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