

Letter from our New President and CEO

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To our supporters,

Thank you for reading our latest Impact Report. As the new President and CEO, I wanted to introduce myself and thank you for the incredible impact you make on this organization every day.

Like many of you, giving back to my community and fighting hunger is near and dear to my heart. I grew up watching my father, Larry Sly, who was one of the Food Bank's founding employees, commit his life to ending food insecurity. His work inspired me, and I am following my calling to work to end hunger, as well. I truly believe it is unjust that any of our neighbors should go hungry, and I have dedicated my career to doing whatever I can to affect change.

For the last four years, I served as the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels (MOW) Diablo Region, an organization dedicated to delivering meals to over 8,600 seniors each year. Our work also focused on supportive services for seniors, empowering them to live independently at home for as long as possible – through initiatives that included companionship programs, fall prevention, exercise, and nutrition classes.

Prior to MOW Diablo Region, I worked to grow programs at the Food Bank for 11 years – so I may be a familiar face for a few of you. I joined the Programs team in 2008, focusing on building our children's and nutrition programs – and eventually expanded my role until my final tenure as the Director of Programs. Over the years, I have watched the Food Bank evolve from a small emergency food provider to a leader fighting against food insecurity and promoting nutrition through education and the distribution of fresh, seasonal produce. In many ways, my return to the Food Bank as the President and CEO feels like coming home.

I recognize that the Food Bank's impact in the community is largely because of the support that our partners and supporters – like you – have provided over the years.

As you will read in this report, the Food Bank continues to be a reliable lifeline for our neighbors in need. Regardless of the challenges, including increased need, decreased donations, and food inflation impacting both the Food Bank's operations and our clients – this organization has remained steadfast in its mission and focused on the work at hand. We also acknowledge there is much more work to be done. I am proud to have joined a team of enthusiastic hunger fighters committed to finding innovative, resourceful ways to fight food insecurity and end hunger in our communities.

This work cannot be done without your generous support. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you. I look forward to working together.




Caitlin Sly
President & CEO

Leading the fight to end hunger