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With photo of Ms. Swan

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FORMER REPRESENTATIVE KATHY SWAN NAMED TO FOOD BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sikeston, MO (July 26, 2021) – Kathy Swan, former state representative and president of JCS Wireless, has been named to the board of directors of Southeast Missouri Food Bank.

“We are honored to welcome Kathy to the board,” said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of Southeast Missouri Food Bank. “Her history of service to the people of southeast Missouri and her legislative experience make her an incredible asset to our organization. We’re looking forward to her help in the fight against hunger.”

Swan served four terms in the Missouri House of Representatives, earning a reputation as an advocate for healthcare and education. She is eager to bring her experience to the food bank’s effort to end hunger and build healthy communities in southeast Missouri.

“I believe in the food bank’s mission, and I think sometimes we lose sight that some areas of southeast Missouri have high rates of poverty and food insecurity,” Swan said. “I look forward to the opportunity to use prior legislative and healthcare experience to benefit our area of the state.”

One in six families and one in five children in southeast Missouri live in homes where they do not have the resources to acquire enough food.

Other members of the food bank board include chairman Marty Platz, vice chairman Roger Williams, secretary/treasurer Danielle Poyner, Mark Avery, Chris Conroy, Julianna Montgomery Ford, Dr. Tony Robinson, Chris White, 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 32 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 SemoFoodBank.org for more information.