



# News Release

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## **GARNER JOINS SOUTHEAST MISSOURI FOOD BANK AS CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER**

Sikeston, MO (March 18, 2022) – Sarah M. Garner has joined Southeast Missouri Food Bank as chief advancement officer.

“I’m excited to be joining such a great organization that directly helps so many people in our communities,” Garner said. “Prior to joining the food bank, I didn’t realize how much it does for people facing hunger in southeast Missouri. It’s not just providing food to our partner pantries, which are so important, but also the programs that provide food directly to children, seniors and veterans who don’t have enough to eat. To be a part of the process that helps people get the meals they so desperately need is something I am very much looking forward to.”

Garner graduated from Sikeston Public Schools and has a degree in mass communications from Southeast Missouri State University. She has a background in sales and marketing, having worked with Missouri Delta Medical Center for the last 13 years before joining the food bank.

“We’re thrilled to have Sarah join our team,” said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of the food bank. “Her background and community relationships make her a valuable asset to SEMO Food Bank.”

As chief advancement officer, Garner will head up the food bank’s fundraising and marketing, helping raise awareness of the organization and its programs.

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### **About Southeast Missouri Food Bank**

Southeast Missouri Food Bank provides food to 140 food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters in 16 southeast Missouri counties. They include Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry,

Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, and Wayne counties. The food bank also provides mobile food distributions, monthly boxes of food to eligible seniors and weekend backpacks of food to 1,200 in 31 school districts. 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 volunteering. Visit [SemoFoodBank.org](http://SemoFoodBank.org) for more information.