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LAURA COALTER PARKER NAMED TO FOOD BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sikeston, MO (Aug. 31, 2022) – Laura Parker, president and partner at Coalter Insurance Group, has been named to the board of directors at Southeast Missouri Food Bank.

“We are excited for Laura to join our board,” said Joey Keys, chief executive officer of Southeast Missouri Food Bank. “We’re looking forward to the energy and passion she brings for community service, along with her business skills and experience. She’s going to be strong asset to the food bank and our fight to end hunger in southeast Missouri.

Parker was one of 30 people selected as part of the 2021 Leadership Missouri Class, and serves on the board of several other organizations, including the Missouri Chamber Alumnae Board. She is involved with the St. Francis Xavier church youth program, and supports many community projects in the Cape Girardeau and Sikeston areas. Among her accomplishments are Business of the Year for Southeast Missouri and the BBB Torch Award.

She first worked with food insecure individuals as a volunteer when a member of Alpha Delta Pi at Southeast Missouri State University.

“Southeast Missouri Food Bank touches so many lives that it is an honor to serve,” she said. “I remain a cheerleader for volunteering and giving back.”

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 are chairman Roger Guilliams, vice chairman Mark Avery, secretary/treasurer Danielle Poyner, Buddy Barger, Chris Conroy, Brian Crowe, Julianna Montgomery Ford, Marty Platz, Kathy Swan, 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 30 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.