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Chattanooga Area Food Bank Welcomes New 2020-2021 Board Members

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – The Chattanooga Area Food Bank (“Food Bank”) welcomes three new members to its 2020-2021 Board of Directors: **Mercedes Bartow**, president, 370 Consulting Group; **Peterson Hostetler**, financial advisor, UBS Financial Services; and **Rachael Sauceman**, head of strategic initiatives, Full Media (Associate Board Chair). The board is led for the second year in a row by **James L. Catanzaro, Jr.**, shareholder and chair of the business and nonprofit sections at Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C.

Other board officers include First Vice Chair **Frank Hughes**, executive vice president, investor relations, SmartBank; Second Vice Chair **Celeste Bandy Weaver**, vice president of finance and regulatory affairs, Ringgold Telephone Company; Treasurer **Phil Harris**, chief financial officer, Chattanooga Brewing Company and Southern Honda Powersports; Secretary, **Jennifer Cookston**, controller, Baylor School.

“With the support of our Board of Directors, we can continue finding innovative ways to navigate the pandemic and serve our community,” said Mark Hilling, interim president and chief executive officer of the Food Bank. “The path ahead will be challenging, but our board represents a cross section of backgrounds and experience to inform our work to help people facing hunger.”

“The Chattanooga Area Food Bank provides an essential service to our community, especially during this time,” Catanzaro said. “Staff and volunteers put the mission of the Food Bank into action, and, as board members, we are proud to support them. Recovering will take all of us, board member or not, contributing. With \$1 helping to provide four meals, anyone can make an impact in the fight against hunger.”

The 2020-21 terms are effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Chattanooga Area Food Bank 2020-21 Board of Directors

- Celeste Bandy Weaver, Vice President of Finance and Regulatory Affairs, Ringgold Telephone Company (Second Vice Chair)
- Mercedes Bartow, President, 370 Consulting Group
- Bill Buchanan, Editor, WRCB-TV
- James L. Catanzaro, Jr., Shareholder and Chair, Business and Nonprofit Sections at Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C. (Board Chairman)
- Jennifer Cookston, Controller, Baylor School (Secretary)
- Matt Evans, Founding and Lead Pastor, Rock Bridge Community Church
- Megan Flynn, Vice President, Talent & Culture, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Phil Harris, Chief Financial Officer, Kelly Automotive Group, Chattanooga Brewing Company and Southern Honda Powersports (Treasurer)
- Morgan Hopkins, Human Resources Director, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Peterson Hostetler, Financial Advisor, UBS Financial Services

- Frank Hughes, Executive Vice President, Investor Relations, SmartBank (First Vice Chair)
- Betsey Kirk McCall, Executive Vice President, Market Strategy and Corporate Operations, Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, Inc.
- Rachael Sauceman, Head of Strategic Initiatives, Full Media (Associate Board Chair)
- Daniel Yim, President, Kobayashi Consumer Products, LLC

About the Chattanooga Area Food Bank

Founded in 1972, the Chattanooga Area Food Bank's mission is to lead a network of partners in eliminating hunger and promoting better nutrition in our region. In its 20-county service area of Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia, up to 1 in 5 people overall and more than 1 in 4 children could face hunger due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Annually, the Food Bank distributes more than 15 million pounds of food through its network of partner agencies to serve children, families, seniors, veterans and others who are facing hunger. The Food Bank is a proud member of Feeding America, the largest hunger relief umbrella nonprofit organization in the U.S. For more information about the Food Bank or to how to get involved, visit chattfoodbank.org, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn.

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