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SECOND HARVEST ANNOUNCES NEW CEO

Chief Mission Officer Claudia Bonilla Keller Promoted to New Role

Irvine, Calif. (December 9, 2021) – Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County today announced the promotion of Claudia Bonilla Keller to chief executive officer, effective January 1, 2022. Keller has served as chief mission officer since January 2020. As the daughter of immigrants who is bilingual, she becomes the food bank's second female CEO to hold the top leadership position. Second Harvest was founded in 1983 and today employs 77 team members. In fiscal year 2021, the organization distributed nearly 60 million pounds of food through its partner network and served over 489,000 people per month on average.

Keller was selected by a search committee comprised of Second Harvest board members that engaged the services of a recruiting firm that specializes in nonprofits. Second Harvest Board Chair Dave Coffaro, speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, said, "Claudia is the right leader to carry the organization into the future." Coffaro, who has been serving as interim CEO since the departure of Harald Herrmann, will offer his support to Keller through January to ensure a smooth transition.

"Second Harvest Food Bank is an organization that exemplifies excellence in everything we do," said Keller. "I'm honored to work with a great team of staff, Board members, our partner network, donors, and the community. I'm thrilled to lead the organization in our next phase of assuring food security for all in Orange County."

Prior to joining Second Harvest, Keller was with LA Promise Fund, American Heart Association, and St. John. She holds a Bachelor's degree from UC Irvine and a Master in Public Administration from Cal State Fullerton.

In her personal time, Keller is involved in several Orange County organizations. She is a member of the Dean's Leadership Society at the University of California, Irvine, which supports the School of Social Sciences, and she was an original co-chair of the society. In September 2021, Keller received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Social Sciences, given to one alum from each school within the university. She is a Planning Commissioner with the city of Placentia and a Master Gardener.

About Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County

Second Harvest Food Bank's mission is to end hunger in Orange County. In fiscal year 2021, our Food Bank distributed almost 60 million pounds of food through our Partner Network to an average of 490,000 individuals each month. Our partners include houses of worship, schools, after-school programs, senior centers, shelters for the unhoused, soup kitchens and transitional housing facilities, and have hundreds of locations throughout the county. We propel change through strategic, innovative partnerships and collaborations with community organizations that are equally committed to alleviating poverty. We provide consistent access to nutritious food and are committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure all are well fed. For more information, visit feedoc.org.