



Atlanta Community Food Bank Names Jon West Interim CEO *Longtime Food Bank leader to take the helm Nov. 2 as Board of Directors conducts search for next president and CEO*

ATLANTA, GA (Oct. 5, 2026) – The Atlanta Community Food Bank today announced that [Jon West](#), the organization’s vice president of partner relations, has been named interim chief executive officer, effective Nov. 2, 2026.

West takes over from Kyle Waide, who announced Sept. 14 that he will become president of Downtown Atlanta Inc. on Dec. 1. Waide remains president and CEO of the Food Bank through Nov. 1 and will stay on in an advisory role through Nov. 12 to support the transition.

As interim CEO, West will lead day-to-day operations, support the Food Bank’s staff and leadership team, steward key community relationships, and keep the organization’s strategic priorities moving forward while the Board of Directors conducts a search for its next long-term leader. Programs, services, and commitments to neighbors and partners will continue without interruption.

West has spent 17 years at the Food Bank. As vice president of partner relations, he leads the team that works alongside the Food Bank’s network of more than 700 community-based, nonprofit partners in 29 counties which together distribute more than 110 million meals each year. Previously, as senior manager of strategy and innovation, he led the development of the Food Bank’s 10-year strategic plan, setting the vision for the organization’s future operations.

Before joining the Food Bank, West worked with an agricultural relief and development organization, in higher education, and as a youth mentor in Botswana. He holds a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary and a bachelor’s degree in English literature from Mississippi College.

“Jon knows this organization inside and out, from his first role here painting food drive barrels to building the partner network that puts food within reach of neighbors across our 29 counties,” said Althea Broughton, chair of the Atlanta Community Food Bank Board of Directors. “The board has complete confidence in his ability to lead the Food Bank through this transition. Our team is strong, our strategy is clear, and our commitment to neighbors does not change.”

The Board of Directors is selecting a search firm to guide a thoughtful, thorough search for the Food Bank’s next president and CEO.



“We are committed to finding a leader who embraces the Food Bank’s values and keeps neighbors, partners, volunteers, donors, and staff at the center of this work,” Broughton said. “We will share updates at appropriate milestones as the search moves forward.”

“Jon is one of the leaders I have relied on most, and he is the right person for this moment,” said Kyle Waide, president and CEO of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. “He understands our mission, our partners, and our people, and he helped build the Food Bank we have today. I have every confidence in Jon and in the team he will lead.”

“It is a privilege to serve the Food Bank in this role,” said Jon West, incoming interim CEO of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. “Our mission is urgent, our team is exceptional, and our partners are the reason food reaches neighbors across metro Atlanta and north Georgia. My focus is on our neighbors, our partners, and keeping this work moving forward.”

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About Atlanta Community Food Bank

The Atlanta Community Food Bank works to end hunger with the food, people, and big ideas needed to ensure our neighbors have the nourishment to lead healthy and productive lives. Far too many people in our own community experience hunger every day. Through more than 700 community-based, nonprofit partners in 29 counties, we help thousands of families, children, and seniors get healthy food every year. Our goal is that all hungry people across metro Atlanta and north Georgia will have access to the nutritious meals they need when they need them. It takes the power of our whole community to make that possible. In 2023, the Atlanta Community Food Bank distributed its one billionth meal. Join us at ACFB.org.

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