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Feeding Wisconsin Welcomes David W. Pluymers as FoodShare Outreach Program Director

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE– Feeding Wisconsin, the state association of six Feeding America member food banks and 1,000 local food programs serving all 72 counties in the state, welcomed David Pluymers to its staff on November 1, 2021.

Mr. Pluymers, MSTHA, RS, brings a wide range of high level experience to the position of FoodShare Outreach Program Director, a role focused on optimizing utilization of Wisconsin's supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits that help people buy food during periods of need and instability. His career has spanned government, academia and the private sector. During his career in public and community health, he has worked for federal, state and local public health agencies and has held leadership roles in the Wisconsin Division of Public Health and SSM Health's Wisconsin Region. Immediately preceding joining Feeding Wisconsin, he held the position of Regional Director of Community Health at SSM Health.

Mr. Pluymers has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Hope College in Holland, Michigan and a Master of Science in Technology and Human Affairs from the Engineering School at Washington University of St. Louis. He has maintained a Registered Sanitarian credential since 2004. He has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) for six years – serving as WPHA's President during 2020.

"Dave has spent much of his career focused on improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities by addressing underlying social determinants of health," said Stephanie Jung Dorfman, Executive Director of Feeding Wisconsin. "We are grateful that he brings his experience, relationships, and passion to our ending hunger team."

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Feeding Wisconsin is the state association of the six regional Feeding America affiliated food banks that partner with almost 1,000 local food programs, including 720 food pantries, to provide food to friends and neighbors at risk of hunger in all 72 Wisconsin Counties and Tribal Nations. Its mission is to help food banks, partners, and the public end hunger, improve health, and strengthen local communities.

Its members include: Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, Feed My People Food Bank, Second Harvest Heartland, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank, and Channel-One Regional Food Bank.

Through food banks and food pantries, Feeding Wisconsin works to ensure that everybody has access to the food and benefits they need to work, learn, play and live healthy lives. Together, Feeding Wisconsin is leading the way Forward together toward a healthy and hunger-free Wisconsin.

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