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## **NANCY KEIL TO TAKE THE REINS AT SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE AS PRESIDENT & CEO**

*Five-Year Second Harvest Executive Promises to Build Upon the  
Strong Foundation Laid by Retiring Jaynee Day*

Nashville, Tenn. (May 22, 2019) – The Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee Board of Directors announced today that Nancy Keil will become President & CEO of the leading non-profit. The appointment concludes an extensive national search, begun last fall when long-time leader Jaynee Day announced her decision to retire at the end of June 2019.

Keil has served the last five years at Second Harvest as Chief Development and Marketing Officer. She has developed a high-performing marketing and fundraising team to achieve the food bank’s objectives around fundraising, awareness, visibility, engagement and advocacy initiatives.

Jonathan Flack, Board Chair of Second Harvest, said Keil is “exactly the right person at the right time,” to ensure a seamless transition of leadership for the food bank, which serves 46 counties in Middle and West Tennessee.

“We interviewed a number of exceptional candidates for this position, but it was Nancy’s unique experience, know-how, dedication and determination that really stood out,” said Flack. “Nancy has been instrumental in helping us strategically grow our capacity to help feed more people in our region and has been tireless in those efforts. Our work is not over, and Nancy is the right leader to continue moving us forward.”

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“I am deeply honored and have been inspired by the very best in Jaynee Day,” Keil said. “From our staff to our partner agencies to our volunteers, we are people who wake up every day with one goal in mind – helping those who are hungry and don’t know where their next meal is coming from. We will build upon our strong foundation, and it is my personal mission to serve as a leader with integrity, empathy, and passion – giving hope to thousands of people in need.”

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee has grown from distributing 160,000 pounds of food when it began in 1978 to more than 31 million pounds in 2018. The organization serves 46 counties in Middle and West Tennessee, and recently opened distribution facilities in Smyrna (Rutherford County) and Camden (Benton County), along with a major expansion of its Nashville headquarters.

In addition to her work with Second Harvest, Keil has an extensive background in strategic consumer marketing and innovative business development having worked as an executive at companies including O’Charley’s, Inc. and Applebee’s International, Inc, as well as leading her own brand marketing consulting firm. She also has more than a decade of experience in marketing in the real estate development and property management industry. A graduate of the University of Arkansas, Keil received her Executive M.B.A. at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri.

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**About Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee**

*For more than 40 years, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee has followed its mission of feeding hungry people and finding innovative ways to solve hunger issues in our communities. As a private, not-for-profit and tax-exempt organization, Second Harvest distributes food and other products to approximately 490 nonprofit partner agencies in 46 counties in Middle and West Tennessee. Our partners include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, childcare facilities, senior centers, group homes, and youth enrichment programs. For more information about Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, its mission and programs, please visit [secondharvestmidtn.org](http://secondharvestmidtn.org)*