



Ann Prifrel



Ending Hunger Together: Today, Tomorrow and For Good

Great Plains Food Bank Welcomes new CEO, Ann Prifrel

The Great Plains Food Bank is proud to announce Ann Prifrel as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 2026. A Midwest native with a lifelong commitment to ensuring neighbors have access to nourishing food, Prifrel brings more than a decade of executive leadership experience in hunger relief, nonprofit management, and large-scale fundraising.

“I’m proud to be the CEO of The Great Plains Food Bank, an organization grounded in passion, service, and innovation – values that strongly align with my own,” shared Ann. “The Midwest holds a special place in my heart. I look forward to moving the mission forward with a dedicated team and integrating myself into all the communities the Great Plains Food Bank serves.”

Most recently, she served as Chief Development Officer at Harry Chapin Food Bank in Southwest Florida, where she helped grow support, strengthen community relationships, and expand the organization’s ability to serve more people with dignity and care.

As she steps into this role, Ann is excited to connect with supporters, partners, volunteers, and neighbors across our region, and to build on the incredible work already happening every day. That work includes ensuring neighbors don’t have to make impossible choices between paying for medicine, bills, or putting food on the table. Ann looks forward to advancing a mission that puts dignity first and ensures every neighbor has access to the nourishment they need to thrive.

Harvesting Hope For Future Generations

“I support the Great Plains Food Bank because I know there’s a need,” shared Nancy Johnson. “It’s a statewide food bank, and your pantries throughout the state get supplies and food from the Great Plains Food Bank.”

Nancy’s generous \$300,000 gift to the Harvesting Hope Campaign reflects her deep passion for ensuring children have the nourishment they need to grow, learn, and thrive, while also supporting seniors and families across our region. Her support will help strengthen programs that reach neighbors at every stage of life and move us closer to a future where hunger no longer stands in the way of opportunity.

“Be thankful if you have enough to eat every day and be generous to help those who don’t.”



Watch Nancy’s video to hear more about why she supports the Great Plains Food Bank.

Credit Unions Unite to Support Great Plains Food Bank with Lead Gift from First Community Credit Union

When neighbors come together, communities grow stronger, and that spirit of a generous investment from several credit unions supporting the Great Plains Food Bank's Harvesting Hope Campaign.

Leading the way is First Community Credit Union (FCCU) with a \$200,000 gift. "Supporting the Great Plains Food Bank is deeply personal for us," said Janna Bergstedt, Chief Marketing Officer at FCCU. "The Great Plains Food Bank helps nourish communities in every corner of North Dakota — including nearly all 23 communities FCCU serves. It's a reminder that we're all connected, and that together we can make a real difference for our neighbors, our members and the towns we call home. That's something we're proud to stand behind."

"We are incredibly grateful for First Community Credit Union's leadership and generosity, as well as the other credit unions that stepped up in support," said Marcia Paulson, Chief Philanthropy Officer at Great Plains Food Bank. "Their investment in our new facility will help us build a stronger foundation to reach every corner of the state with more fresh, nutritious food. Together, we're ensuring that no one in our region has to wonder where their next meal will come from."

Other contributors include; **Capital Credit Union** (\$20,000), **Town & Country Credit Union** (\$10,000), and **Western Cooperative Credit Union** (\$5,000). Together, these credit unions are demonstrating the power of strengthening communities and supporting neighbors in need.



Members of the First Community Credit Union Board of Directors, Marcia Paulson, Great Plains Food Bank Chief Philanthropy Officer, and FCCU President and CEO Steve Schmitz

For credit unions, giving back is more than a value — it's a commitment to people. Behind every meal provided by the Great Plains Food Bank is a story: a child who can focus in school, a family that can stretch their budget a little further, and a community made stronger through care and connection. Together, we're harvesting hope for a brighter today and tomorrow.

Want to learn more about the Harvesting Hope Campaign?

We'd love to share with your church, civic group, organization, or workplace. Together, we can inspire more people to join us as we end hunger today, tomorrow and for good! Contact us today to schedule a presentation and discover how you can harvest hope!

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Goal: \$30.5M

Build Essential
Infrastructure
\$28.8M

Expand Programs
& Reach
\$1.3M

Grow Endowment
Fund
\$400K