



Dare to Care
Food Bank

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DARE TO CARE'S BRIAN RIENDEAU RETIRING

Retirement will be effective June 30 after 12-year stint leading exponential growth and transformation of services

Louisville, KY, January 6, 2021 – Dare to Care Food Bank announced today that Executive Director Brian Riendeau will be stepping down from his role on June 30th after 12 years of service.

Riendeau joined Dare to Care as Executive Director in May 2009. Under his leadership, Dare to Care increased its food distribution by 150%, providing food for 23 million meals last year and reaching more struggling families and children than at any time its 51-year history. Revenues nearly tripled during Riendeau's tenure, allowing Dare to Care to meet the growing need, heighten the nutritional quality of its food, bring nutrition education to the community, and launch innovative programming such as its Zero Hunger Mobile Market with Kroger. In the past year, Riendeau led a \$7.5 million capital campaign to build the Dare to Care Community Kitchen in the Parkland neighborhood of west Louisville.

Riendeau said, "I'm very proud of what this team has accomplished over the last 12 years. We've made great progress toward our vision of a Hunger-Free Kentuckiana by innovating our programming, increasing distribution of healthy food, expanding and updating our physical infrastructure, and growing the capacity of our partner network. Most importantly, we've invested in our people and recruited great talent to the team and board. In short, Dare to Care is set up for success and ready to continue its growing service to the community."

"On behalf of the board, I want to thank Brian for the leadership he has provided to this vital community organization," said Board Chair Carly Launius. "During his tenure, Dare to Care has not only grown, but has continued to improve and explore innovative ways to fulfill our commitment to food-insecure families in Kentuckiana. His legacy is one of excellence and perseverance, and I can confidently say that Dare to Care is better positioned than ever to fight hunger in our community thanks to Brian's bold and strategic vision for the organization."

Dare to Care will launch a national search for Riendeau's successor in the coming weeks.

Dare to Care food Bank is a local nonprofit agency with a mission to lead the community to feed the hungry and conquer the cycle of need. In the past twelve months, Dare to Care distributed over 23 million meals in eight Kentucky and five Indiana counties. For more information, visit www.daretocare.org.

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