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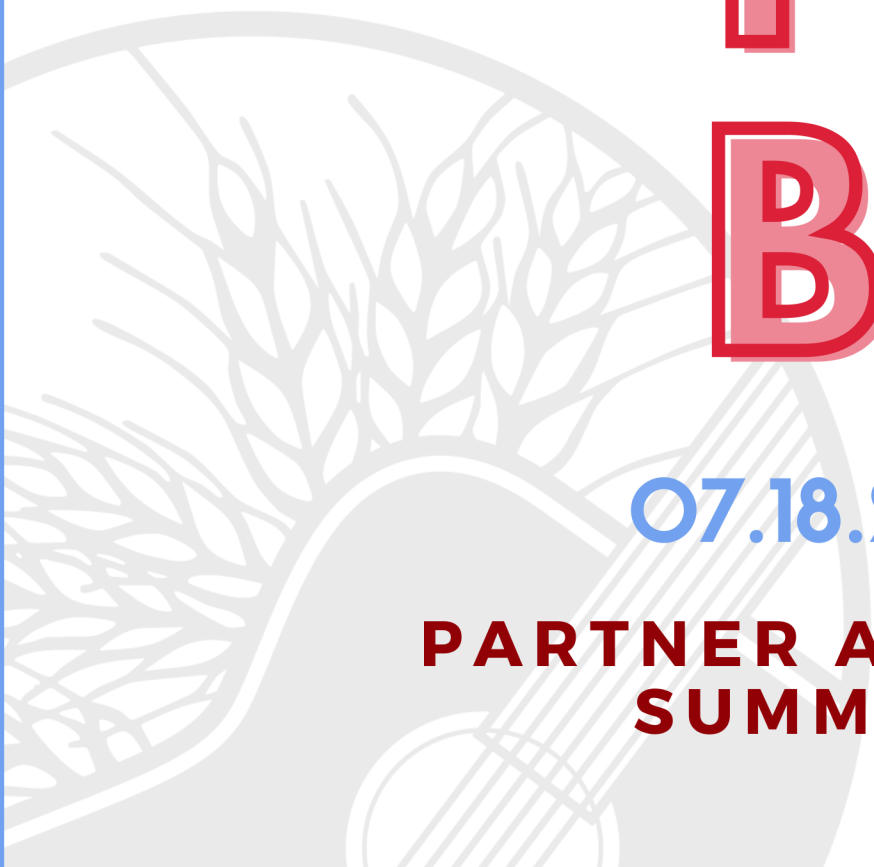
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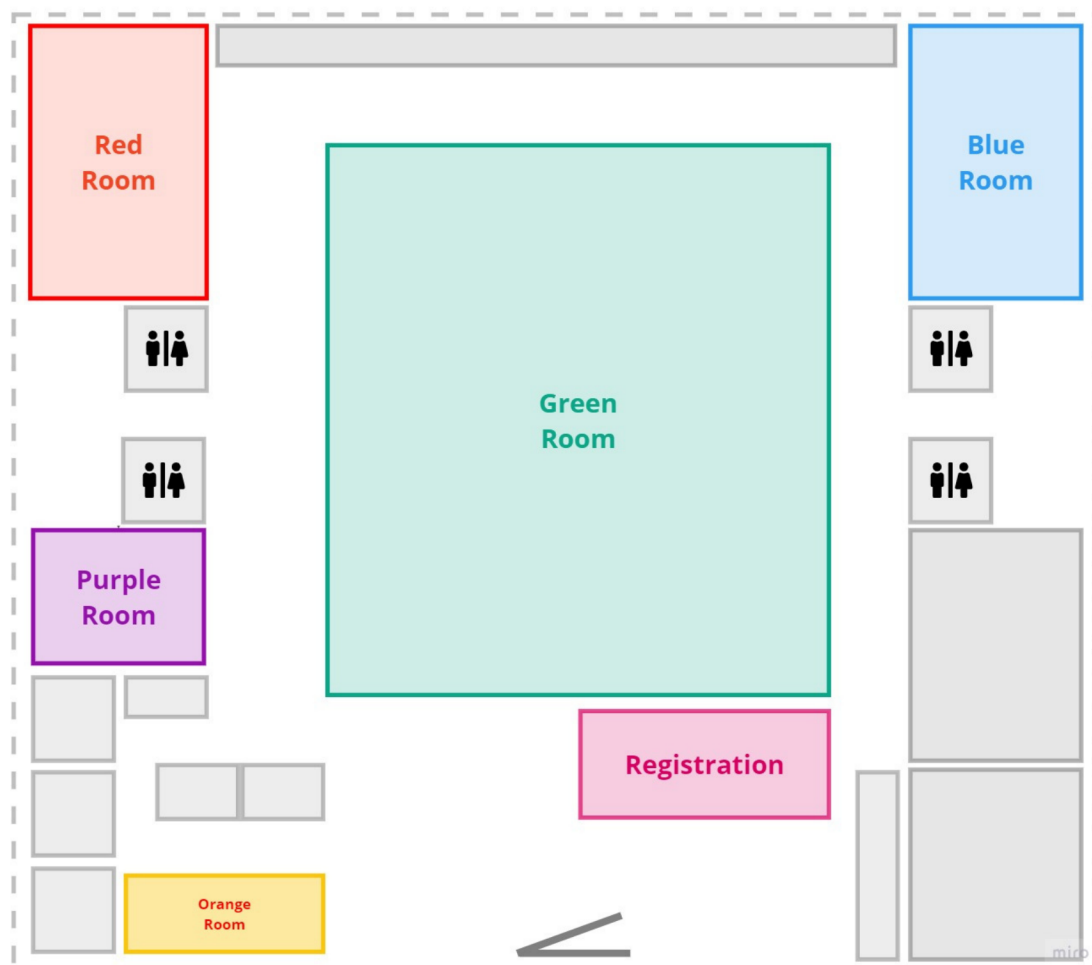
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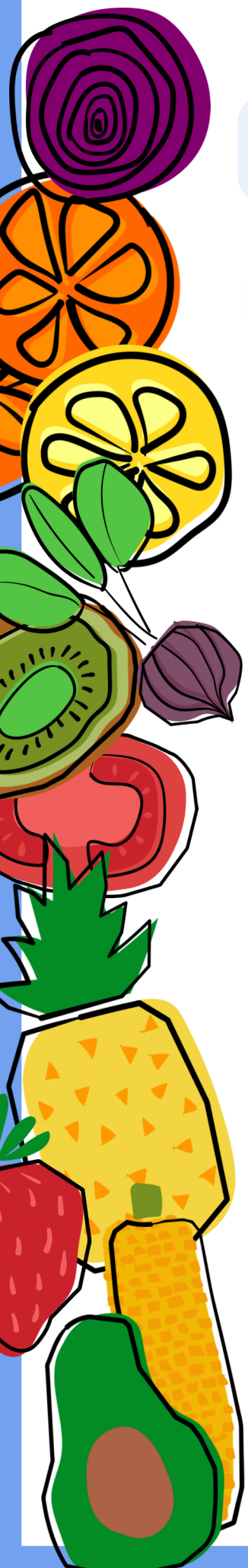
**PARTNER AGENCY  
SUMMIT**



## A vertical collage of various fruits including a purple onion, orange slices, a lemon slice, green kiwi slices, a red tomato slice, a pineapple, a strawberry, a corn cob, and an avocado.

The logo for Feeding America, featuring the words "FEEDING" and "AMERICA" in a bold, sans-serif font. The word "FEEDING" is in orange and "AMERICA" is in green. A stylized orange wheat stalk is positioned above the letter "I" in "FEEDING".

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# Morning Program



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**REGISTRATION**

**8:00AM - 9:00AM**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**9:00AM - 9:25AM**

***Marissa Stress-Peterson , Director of Impact and Community Partnerships***

***Richard LaBer, CEO of Harry Chapin Food Bank***

Join us for an information on the pressing issues about hunger insecurity in Southwest Florida. Led by the region's largest food bank, this presentation sheds light on the increasing challenges faced by our community. Discover how our food bank is taking bold steps to transform and adapt, ensuring no one goes hungry in the future. A must-attend for partner agencies and individuals passionate about combating hunger.

**KEYNOTE**

**9:25AM - 9:45AM**

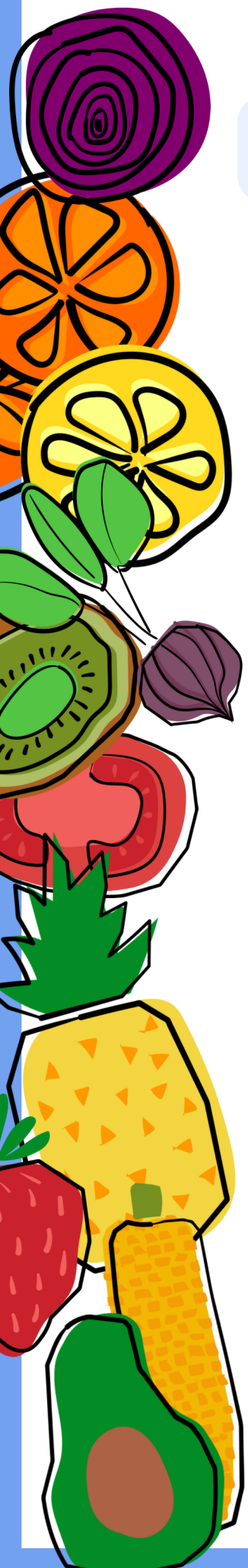
***Desiree Dillon, Director of Partner Network Services at Feeding America***

Join Desiree, Senior Director of Partner Network Services at Feeding America, as she delivers a powerful keynote on addressing food insecurity. Through strategic thinking, collaboration, and a focus on racial equity, she empowers non-profit leaders to achieve maximum mission impact. Discover how our collective efforts can build a hunger-free future, one where no child, family, or community goes without nutritious food. Be inspired to make a difference.

**NETWORKING BREAK**

**9:45AM - 10:00AM**

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## CAPACITY BUILDING

10:00AM - 10:45AM

***Desiree Dillon, Director of Partner Network Services, Feeding America***

Join Desiree as she shares inspiring incites and strategies to reduce food insecurities. Learn innovative new approaches that foster collaborative solutions towards new initiatives that will enhance the capacity pf the work you are doing to better serve your pantry and your neighbors.

## GRANTS 101

10:00AM - 10:45AM

***Laura Simmelink, Collier Community Foundation***

Learn the basics of preparing grant proposals or sharpen your intermediate skills through a step-by-step approach to the process.

From developing the proposal idea to completing the details of the budget, this workshop provides an outline to become familiar with the different requirements of funders and understand the protocol for grants management.

## COMMUNITY

10:00AM - 10:45AM

***Carly Osborne, Unite Us, Community Engagement Manager (CEM) for Southwest Florida.***

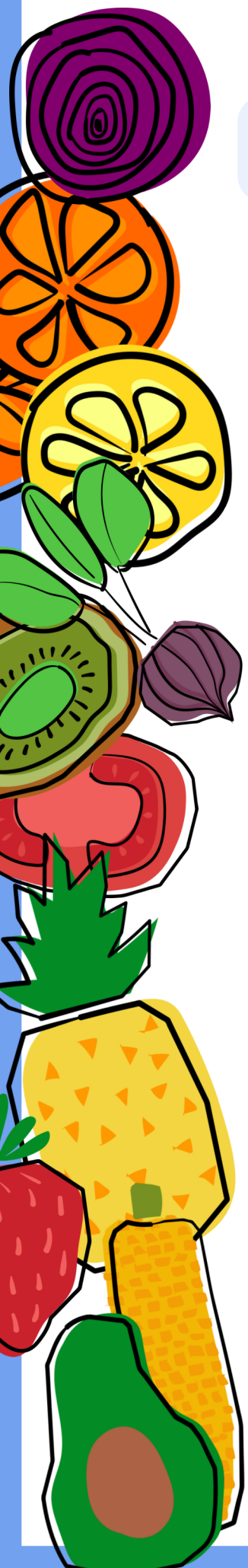
Learn how we connect community based organizations, providers, and agencies across the state of Florida. Are you tired of outdated referral lists? The Unite Florida team is here to work with you to connect our neighbors to all of the services they need to thrive in the community. This session will provide information about Unite Us, have an open dialog to determine the needs of the community you serve, as well as offer a quick demonstration of the platform.

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## PARTNER AGENCY PANEL 11:00AM - 11:45AM

***Amalia Amy Zamot + Dr. Vicki Lotti Gohagen + Judy Martin + Lisa Morazes***

***Marissa Stress-Peterson , Director of Impact and Community Partnerships***

Join your fellow partner agencies as they share their successes and experiences around three important topics. , will share their successful efforts capturing service insights utilizing Oasis. Our friends from Neil Armstrong Elementary and Buckingham Exceptional Student Center will discuss client choice. Meals of Hope will introduce you to their registration process with Oasis, and lastly McGregor Clinic will share their success with wrap around services.

## MEAL CONNECT 11:00AM - 11:45AM

***Amanda Porter, Manager, Service Insights Tool Program Feeding America***

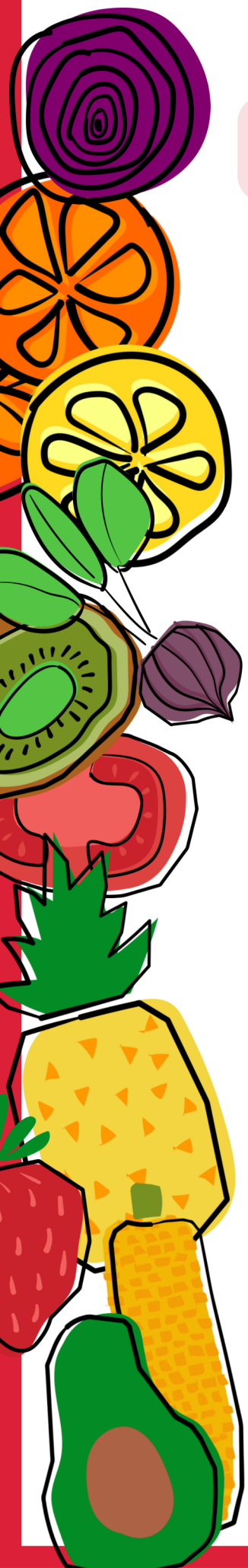
Service Insights on MealConnect is a free, optional, web-based application used to collect consistent administrative data from the people we serve. Collecting this data electronically in real time enables us to have a more complete, accurate and up-to-date understanding of who we are serving. Over time, Service Insights will help us understand how to better serve and meet the needs of our neighbors at a local, state, regional, and national level.

## VISIBILITY OF SOCIAL ISSUES 11:00AM - 11:45AM

***Thomas P. Felke, Ph.D., MSW  
Executive Director - Shady Rest Institute on Positive Aging***

Hurricane Ian magnified just how close many individuals and families live on the edge of financial peril. Many were faced not only with a medical crisis but also multiple social issues, it also exacerbated the same. This session examines how social issues are often overlooked in Southwest Florida

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# Afternoon Program



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## NETWORK & LUNCH

11:45AM - 12:30PM

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY

12:30PM - 1:15PM

### **Precious Gunter, Chief Equity, Ethics, and Compliance Officer at FGCU**

Join Precious Gunter, Chief Equity, Ethics, and Compliance Officer at Florida Gulf Coast University as she discusses the value we all gain by learning and understanding the differences in our various cultures that make us all unique. This is the first step to breaking barriers that allow us to become greater advocates for societal change and progress.

## RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

12:30PM - 1:15PM

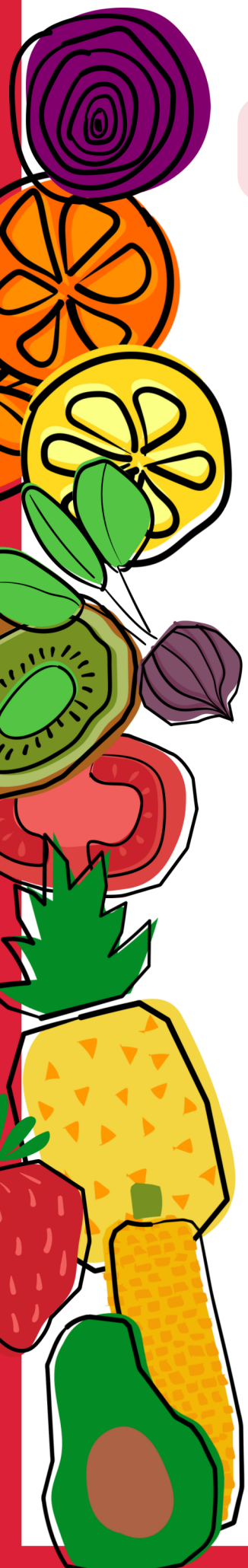
**Alesi Fernandez, Food Assistance Supervisor, St. Mathew's House**

**Nancy Exline, Volunteer Coordinator, Harry Chapin Food Bank**

**Steve Zeder, Board Chair, St. Martin de Porres Outreach**

**Stuart Haniff, Chief Development Officer at Harry Chapin Food Bank**

Discuss new strategies to recruit and retain the next generation of food pantry volunteers. Our panelists will explore what attracts a younger generation as well as an older generation to volunteer and will share creative ways to not only recruit but retain these volunteers for years to come. We will have time for some Q&A as well. Create your legacy by ensuring that the future of your agency is secure with the right people in place today!



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## SHARING YOUR STORY

12:30PM - 1:15PM

### **Ryan Uhler, Director of Communication and Marketing at Harry Chapin Food Bank**

Join Harry Chapin Food Bank's Director of Communication and Marketing, Ryan Uhler, where he'll discuss his expertise using social media to help you reach more people with your agency's story and mission moments. Ryan will share how to go beyond telling the facts and figures to sharing stories of hunger that inspire and engage your community.

## BREAK

1:15PM - 1:30PM

## DISASTER PREPARATION

1:30PM - 2:15PM

### **Vince Davis , Director of Disaster Services for Feeding America**

Learn from Vince Davis current Director of Disaster Services for Feeding America about emergency preparation. Vince has over three decades of diverse experience in emergency and crisis management, and business continuity. He has served numerous roles in the U.S. military, government, disaster relief, and corporate environments.

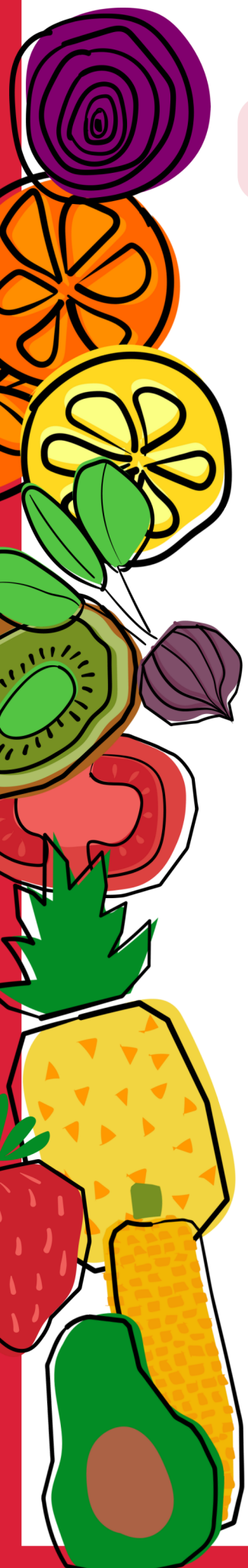
## OASIS DEMO

1:30PM - 2:15PM

### **Emely Rodriguez Data Analyst for Harry Chapin Food Bank**

During this session, we will discuss Service Insights and Oasis. We will go over what the term 'Service Insights' means, and what this information can mean for your agency. Additionally, we will demonstrate how we can use Oasis to collect meaningful data about the people you serve in our community.

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## HEALTH AND HUNGER

1:30PM - 2:15PM

**Stuart Haniff, Chief Development Officer at Harry Chapin Food Bank**

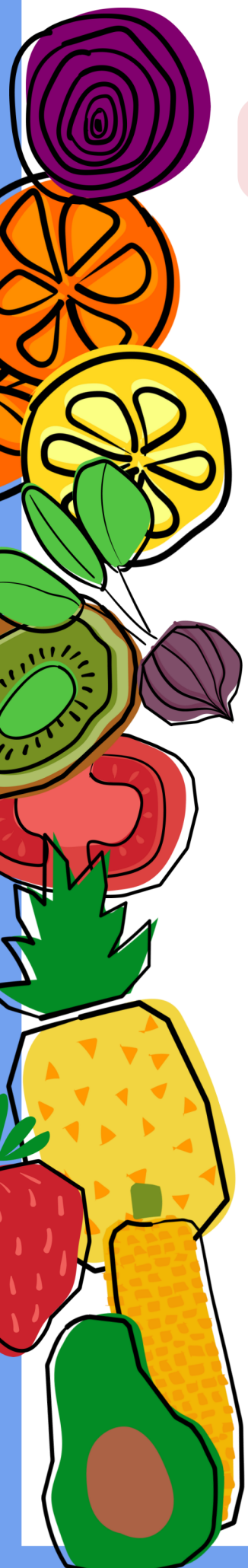
A discussion of a case management approach and wrap around services to break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Focusing on social determinants of health to end food insecurity and providing food as a gateway in dignified and respectful way for moving people from hunger to health through nutrition.

## CLOSING REMARKS

2:15PM - 2:30PM

**Danielle Paez, Partner Relations and Compliance Manager, Harry Chapin Food Bank**





# Presenters



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## THOMAS P. FELKE, PH.D., MSW

### ***Associate Dean for Academics & Associate Professor in Social Work***

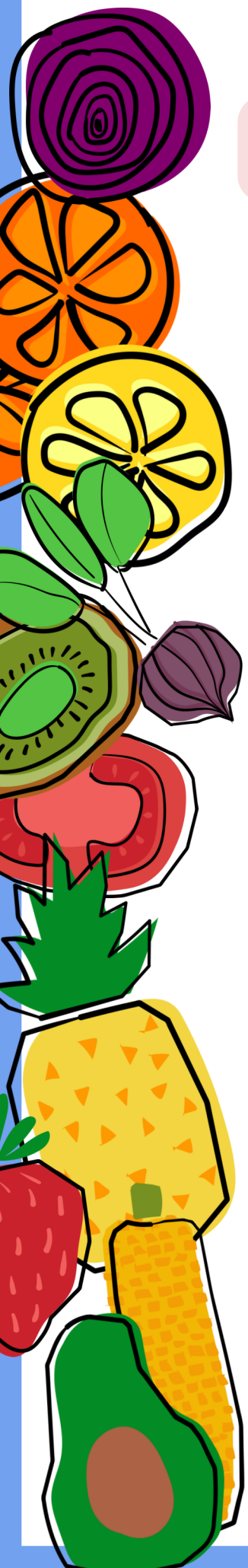
*Dr. Tom Felke is an Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Social Work at Florida Gulf Coast University's Marieb College of Health & Human Services. He also serves as the Executive Director of the newly established Shady Rest Institute on Positive Aging. With a background in education and social work, Dr. Felke holds a Bachelor's degree from Providence College, pursued coursework and research assistantships at New York University and Yale University, and completed his graduate education at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, earning a Master's degree and a Ph.D. His research focuses on macro social work, technology's impact on social work practice, and international social work issues. Dr. Felke is actively involved in various boards and committees locally and nationally, emphasizing geographic information systems (GIS) mapping for program evaluation and research related to senior needs, affordable housing, and food insecurity.*

## RICHARD LeBER

### ***CEO of Harry Chapin Food Bank***

*Richard LeBer is the President and CEO of the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Under his leadership since 2016, the food bank has achieved record-breaking success in sourcing and distributing food to Southwest Florida. With extensive experience in for-profit and nonprofit sectors, Richard excels in food banking, fundraising, and board leadership. He has held notable positions, including interim executive director of the Florida Association of Food Banks and vice president at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Richard is a graduate of Harvard Business School and the University of Waterloo.*





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## MARISSA STRESS-PETERSON

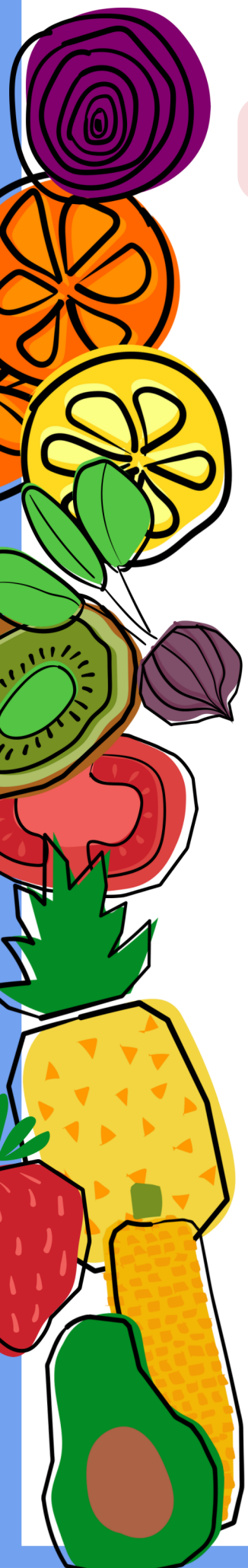
### ***Director of Impact and Community Partnerships***

Marissa Stress-Peterson is an experienced nonprofit leader with a strong background in program management, business operations, and strategic planning. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from George Mason University and a graduate degree in Criminal Justice Administration with a focus on youth and family programs from Boston University. Marissa joined the food bank in November 2021 after serving as the Director of Operations at the Children's Advocacy Center. Throughout her 15-year career, she has been actively involved in community boards and coalitions. Marissa currently serves on the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida Advisory Council and co-leads the SWFL Regional Health & Wellness Coalition for Food Access & Nutrition. She is married and resides in Cape Coral with her three children.

## DESIREE DILLON

### ***Desiree Dillon, Director of Partner Network Services, Feeding America***

Desiree is the Senior Director of Partner Network Services at Feeding America and has a passion for building the capacity of non-profit organizations in underserved communities. As a thought leader and connector, Desiree empowers non-profit leaders to think strategically to achieve maximum mission impact. For 13 years she served in a leadership capacity with Feeding America in both MS and TX as Director and Senior Manager of Partner Agency Relations with MS Food Network and North TX Food Bank. As a former food banker, she presented nationally and served on various Food Insecurity & Capacity task force initiatives with Feeding America.



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## CARLY OSBORNE

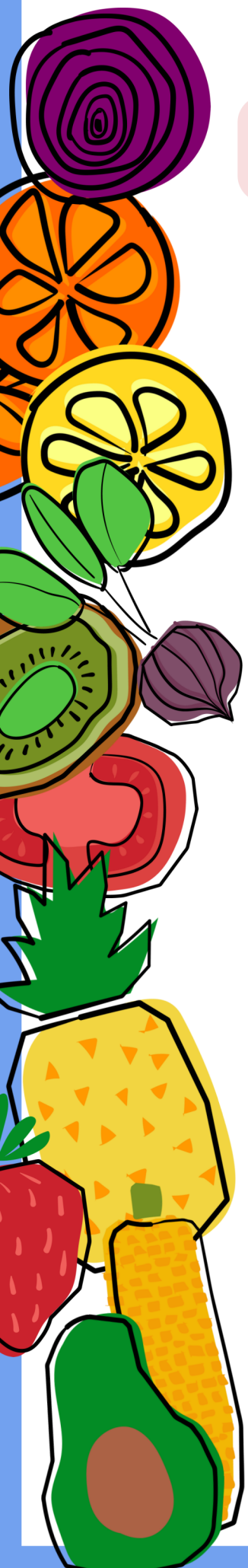
### ***Carly Osborne, Unite Us, Community Engagement Manager (CEM) for Southwest Florida.***

Carly Osborne joined Unite Us in May 2023 as the Community Engagement Manager (CEM) for Southwest Florida. Based in Sarasota, Carly previously worked in non-profits. In her different roles, she coordinated infant & maternal health referrals from prenatal providers and hospitals, helped homeless families obtain permanent housing, and connected at-risk youth to mentoring services. Carly attended the University of Florida and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Health Education & Behavior, with a focus on community health promotion. Functioning now as a Community Engagement Manager, she strives to achieve a collective impact and network success by building meaningful relationships with community partners. By working together, organizations can most effectively meet the needs of our communities and address social determinants of health in Southwest Florida.

## DR. VICKI LOTTI GOGHAGEN-MOSLEY

### ***Dr. Vicki Lotti Gohagen-Mosley, Buckingham Exceptional Student Center***

Dr. Vicki, a United States Army Veteran, is dedicated to community improvement through education and selfless service. She has been actively involved in various organizations, including Redeeming Influence Community Outreach and Mount Hermon Church, where she served as a board member. Dr. Vicki's commitment to education extends to her role as a Girl Scout Troop Leader. She is a member of the Florida Association of School Administrators and Lee Interfaith for Employment, a faith-based organization focused on justice in Lee County.



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## LAURA SIMMELINK

### ***Vice President of Grantmaking at Collier Community Foundation***

Laura leads community grantmaking initiatives, ensuring the Foundation's funding aligns with strategic focus areas and mission.

## AMANDA PORTER

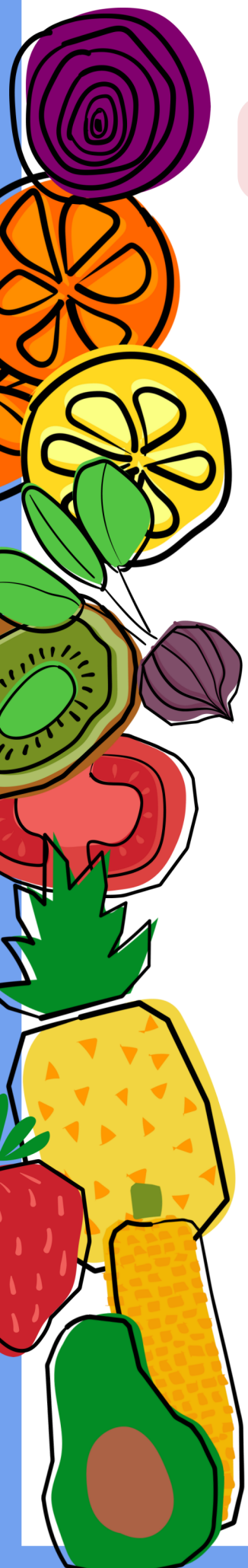
### ***Amanda Porter, Manager, Service Insights Tool Program Feeding America***

Amanda has spent the past fifteen years working with the charitable hunger network, propelling her into her work with Service Insights, and ultimately to Feeding America National Office. She currently serves as the Senior Program Manager of Service Insights on MealConnect, where she has spent nearly two years helping food bank and agency partners onboard to their chosen service insights tool. As the self-proclaimed Queen of Comfy, Amanda can usually be found sipping tea, knitting, and dreaming of the day when she can travel again - hopefully to a national park, her favorite type of destination.

## EMELY RODRIGUEZ

### ***Emely Rodriguez Data Analyst for Harry Chapin Food Bank***

Emely Rodriguez is the Data Analyst for the Outreach Team (Mobile Pantry Program and the Child Programs) at the Harry Chapin Food Bank. She assists with data collection, reporting, and Mobile Pantry onboarding onto our Service Insights platform.



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## STUART HANIFF

### ***Stuart Haniff MHA, Chief Development Officer at Harry Chapin Food Bank***

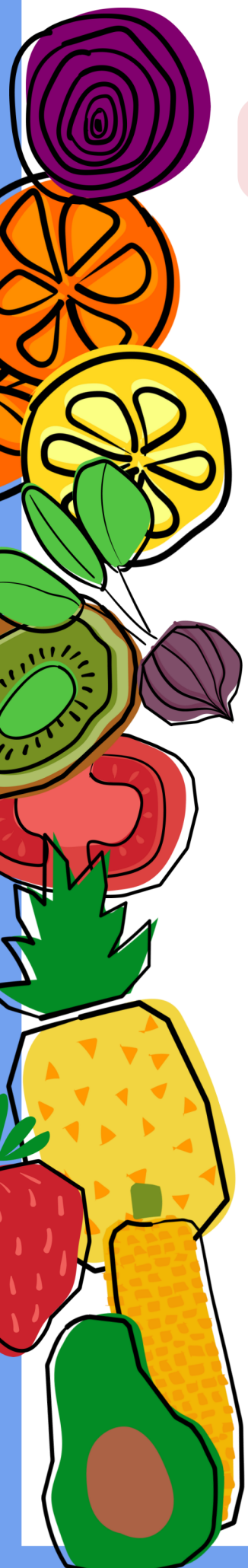
Stuart Haniff, MHA, is a nationally recognized advocate for anti-hunger initiatives, bringing over two decades of progressive non-profit leadership, administration, and healthcare management expertise. With a background as a food banker and a friend/fundraiser, Stuart has made significant contributions to the fight against hunger. He holds a degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration (MHA). Stuart's recent role was as Vice President of Philanthropy at Feeding South Florida, the fifth largest food bank in the Feeding America Network. He also served as the Chief Executive Officer of The Food Bank of The Rio Grande Valley, guiding the organization through the challenges of Covid-19, Hurricane Hanna, and severe winter conditions. Stuart's journey as a food banker began as the Chief Philanthropy Officer for Feeding America Riverside California from 2015 to 2018.

## RYAN UHLER

### ***Ryan Uhler, Director of Commutations and Marketing, Harry Chapin Food Bank***

Since joining the Harry Chapin Food Bank in 2016, he has played a vital role in creating and implementing effective digital marketing campaigns. Through his expertise, Ryan has engaged and inspired supporters, raising awareness and crucial resources for the organization's fight against hunger in SWFL. Prior to his work at the food bank, Ryan produced video and audio commercials. With a deep understanding of the local community, Ryan crafts targeted marketing initiatives that resonate with the diverse audience in the region.





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## PRECIOUS GUNTER

### ***Precious Gunter, Chief Equity, Ethics, and Compliance Officer at FGCU***

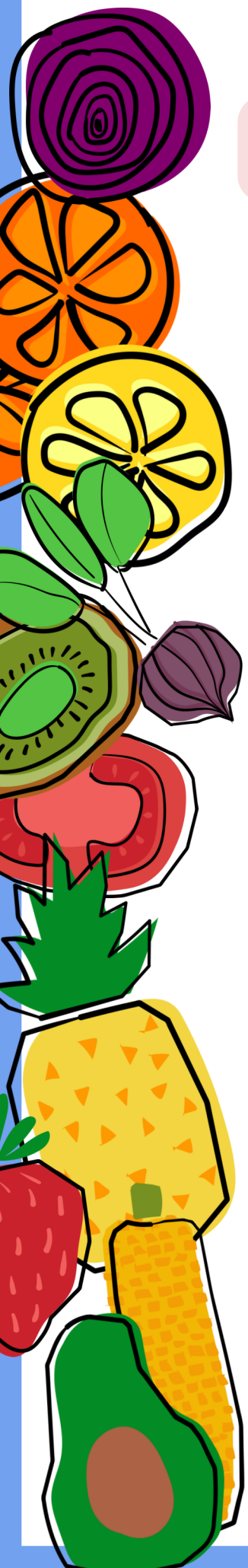
Precious holds a B.S. in Human Resource Management from the University of South Carolina and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from North Carolina Central University School of Law. As a NC licensed attorney, certified mediator, certified compliance professional, and certified Title IX Coordinator, she is currently the Chief Equity, Ethics, and Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator for Florida Gulf Coast University. She oversees the University's compliance and ethics program and adherence to state and federal discrimination laws. She is also an Adjunct Instructor in the Lutgert College of Business. She chairs multiple committees and is passionate about social justice work and initiatives. She is excited to seize any opportunity to assist with supporting and celebrating the unique difference and experiences that make up each of our personal journeys.

## VINCE DAVIS

### ***Vince Davis, Author, The Native Family Disaster Preparedness Handbook***

Vince Davis has over three decades of diverse experience in emergency and crisis management. He currently serves as Director of Disaster Services for Feeding America and is the Founder-President of Preparedness Matters, LLC. With a background in the U.S. military and FEMA, Vince has led field teams in response to multiple Presidential disasters. He has also held positions at the American Red Cross, Walgreens, Sony PlayStation, and Amazon, developing disaster plans and frameworks. Vince is passionate about preparing underserved communities and is involved in various emergency management organizations. He resides in the Chicago area with his wife and is a proud father and grandfather.





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## DANIELLE PAEZ

### ***Danielle Paez, Partner Relations and Compliance Manager, Harry Chapin Food Bank***

Danielle began her career as a Social Justice Advocate 17 years ago for Immigrant victims of crime. Prior to joining the Harry Chapin Food Bank she held various leadership roles in non- profit and government sectors including the Shelby County District Attorneys office, Shelter for Abused Women and Children and Children's Advocacy Center. Danielle holds a bachelor's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Memphis and is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Health from Florida Gulf Coast University.

## JUDY MARTIN

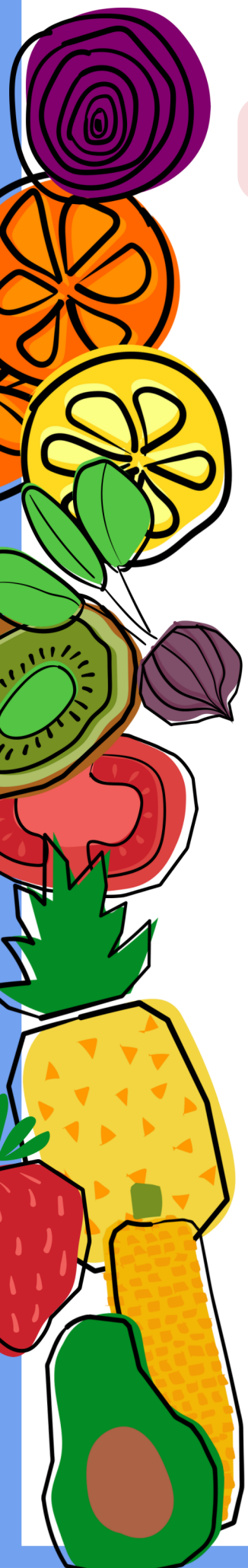
### ***Judy Martin, Meals of Hope, Collier County***

Judy Martin has been in the food pantry industry for over 20 years and 11 of those years have been in Collier County. She manages and oversees the incoming deliveries and over 10 mobile pantries providing food to our Collier County neighbors. She coordinates warehouse staff, food packing events, train volunteers, while maintaining the mandated records and reports associated with the TEFAP program.

## LISA MORAZES

### ***Lisa Morazes, LCSW, Charlotte Co. School District***

Lisa Morazas is a licensed clinical social worker employed by the Charlotte county school district. She has been a school social worker for almost 10 years. While working at an elementary school she recognized families and students were hungry and needed assistance with food as well as day to day necessities. She has partnered with Harry Chapin to be able to serve more families. This project has evolved into serving over 400 neighbors monthly.



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## AMALIA AMY ZAMOT

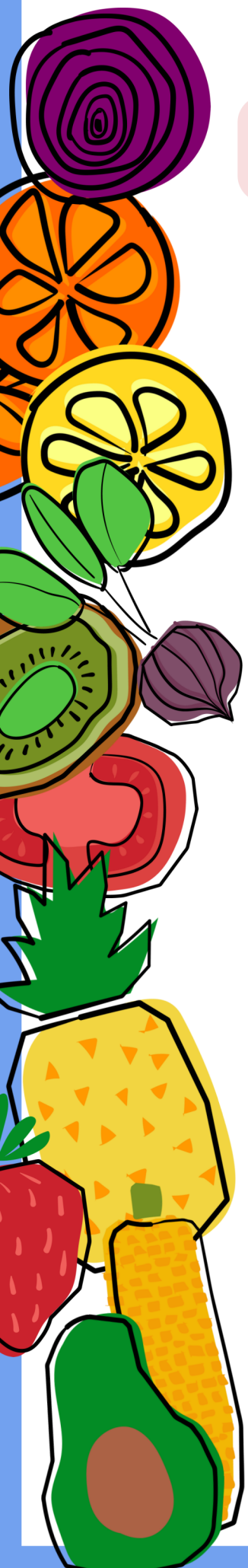
***Amalia Amy Zamot, MS, Dir. Prevention & Com. Services, McGregor Clinic***

Amalia Amy Zamot has been active in the field of HIV for more than 20 years. In 2013, she began serving as the Director of Prevention and Community Services where she has been able to increase prevention services along with ensuring equitable access to services for vulnerable populations throughout SWFL. Miss Zamot has been featured in several media outlets such as Lee Pitts Live, Wink news, Fox news and others. She is passionate about impacting lives and spreading the word about HIV prevention and treatment for all.

## STEVE ZEDER

***Steve Zeder, Board Chair, St. Martin de Porres Outreach***

Steve Zeder, a native of Buffalo, NY but from Texas for 26 years, Steve retired from Schneider Electric, SE As director for Schneider Electric, USA Field Service Operations. Steve's formation in social justice issues revolved around a 30-week JustFaith program that brought him into touch with the plights of others in the Fort Worth area. As a member for 10 years of the Fort Worth Mission Council and through many trips to Cabezas, Bolivia, Steve saw firsthand that difficulties were shared in every community. Since coming to Florida, Steve has been focused on food security, volunteering for nine years, both at the Harry Chapin Food Bank of SW Florida and at St. Martin de Porres Outreach, where he also chairs the board



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## ALESI FERNANDEZ

### ***Alesi Fernandez, Food Assistance Supervisor, St. Mathew's House***

Alesi Fernandez has been with St Mathews House for 5 years. He manages all logistics and warehouse operations for the food assistance Program. He has a true passion for helping the less fortunate. He Strives for excellence professionally and personally. He creates a caring work environment for his team. He has received numerous professional certifications in Excel, Logistics, and supply chain. He believes strongly in the mission and core values for St Mathers House.

## NANCY EXLINE

### ***Nancy Exline, Volunteer Coordinator, Harry Chapin Food Bank***

Nancy Exline is a Program Coordinator in the Programs Department. She will be working directly with Partner Agencies primarily in Lee County. Nancy has a Bachelors degree in Marketing. She has a diverse professional background which includes corporate marketing, franchising and faith based non-profit. Nancy is originally from the Chicago area and is an avid Chicago Cubs fan.



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**Don't forget to complete  
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