



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



Jennifer Denike

**Chief Development Officer
Harry Chapin Food Bank**

Harry Chapin Food Bank appointed Jennifer Denike as Chief Development Officer in March 2026, strengthening the organization's core leadership team as the nonprofit responds to surging demand from neighbors experiencing hunger.

Jennifer joined Harry Chapin Food Bank in 2023 as a Major Gifts Officer and was promoted in 2025 to Senior Major Gifts Officer. In her current role, Jennifer leads fundraising strategies, donor engagement and revenue growth initiatives. She oversees major gifts, corporate and foundation partnerships, grants and donor stewardship efforts while guiding long-term fundraising planning.

With two decades of nonprofit fundraising and relationship management experience, Jennifer has a proven track record of building strong donor partnerships and driving philanthropic revenue growth. In addition to her measurable impact at Harry Chapin Food Bank, Jennifer guided successful philanthropy and fundraising initiatives for Florida Repertory Theatre, WGPU Public Media at Florida Gulf Coast University and David Lawrence Centers since moving to Southwest Florida in 2015.

An active community leader, Jennifer serves on the board of the Planned Giving Council of Lee County and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Collier-Lee Chapter. She is a graduate of Leadership SWFL and the Southwest Florida Leadership Institute at FGCU.

Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the State University of New York at Cortland.

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