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Lowcountry Food Bank Announces New President and CEO

Coastal South Carolina's largest hunger relief organization appoints new director

Charleston, SC—The Lowcountry Food Bank Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Pat Walker as the President and CEO of the organization, effective January 17, 2012. "I am honored to share this news with the community," states Lowcountry Food Bank Board Chairman, Mark Smith. "Pat's commitment to excellence in all that she is involved in, combined with her service above self attitude and years of experience in ending hunger, will serve her well in her new position at the Lowcountry Food Bank."

Walker joins the Lowcountry Food Bank after 10 years of working with its partner organization, East Cooper Meals on Wheels. As President and CEO of the Lowcountry Food Bank, she will oversee an annual distribution of more than 18 million pounds of food, and a staff of 40 throughout the organization's distribution centers in Charleston, Myrtle Beach and Yemassee. "I've always imagined a world with no hunger—and that starts at home—using our imagination, creativity, and passion," shares Walker. "My transition to the Lowcountry Food Bank is an opportunity to broaden my impact by fighting hunger among people of all ages throughout the 10 coastal counties of South Carolina."

Walker became President and CEO of East Cooper Meals on Wheels in 2006 and prior to that served as Director of Operations for four years. "The mission of East Cooper Meals on Wheels ignited my passion for ending hunger. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work in this community and grow the organization and its impact on senior hunger," shares Walker.

Under her direction East Cooper Meals on Wheels saw tremendous growth including increasing meal delivery by nearly 80%, growing the organization's revenue by 90% and celebrating the grand opening of a new building. She served as the chief spokesperson and advocate of the organization both locally and nationally.

"Pat has played an instrumental role in helping East Cooper Meals on Wheels grow, both in the number of homebound seniors we serve and the many ways in which we serve them," shares East Cooper Meals on Wheels Board Chairman, Bill Trull. "Our staff, volunteers and board are eager to continue the fight against senior hunger in our community, and we are encouraged by the opportunity to grow our partnership with the Lowcountry Food Bank under Pat's leadership."

Walker has served as Vice Chairman of the Lowcountry Food Bank's Board of Directors for two years and as Secretary for three years prior. As one of the Lowcountry Food Bank's 350 member agencies, East Cooper Meals on Wheels receives meals prepared in their Zucker Family Production Kitchen.

Walker's move to the Lowcountry Food Bank in January concludes a nationwide search that began in August after the organization's Executive Director, D. Jermaine Husser, moved to direct the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

About the Lowcountry Food Bank

The Lowcountry Food Bank serves the 10 coastal counties of South Carolina and distributes more than 18 million pounds of food a year. The Lowcountry Food Bank is a clearinghouse for donated food products that are distributed to a network of more than 350 member agencies including soup kitchens, homeless shelters and emergency food pantries. The Lowcountry Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and is committed to educating the public about the problems of and solutions to domestic hunger as well as advocating on the behalf of the hungry in our community.

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