

Second Harvest Heartland is pleased to announce Allison O'Toole as our new Chief Executive Officer. After a comprehensive, national search process, our board of directors chose nonprofit leader and veteran changemaker Allison O'Toole as our new leader. O'Toole will succeed Rob Zeaske, CEO of Second Harvest Heartland since 2008.



"Allison's nonprofit leadership experience, her ability to guide teams, oversee and improve complex operations and hone strategy—all in the service of positive change for Minnesotans—made her the clear standout," said board member and retired Bremer Bank executive Greg Hilding, who will act as interim CEO until O'Toole assumes her new role.

O'Toole brings experience earned successfully leading MNSure, a large, complex organization within a rapidly changing industry; deep health policy expertise and food-as-health knowledge to the organization.

"Second Harvest Heartland is poised to scale up our operations and partnerships to more fully address the problem of hunger. We're ready to gather more healthy food where there is plenty and deliver it where there is need," said Marsha Shotley, chief philanthropy officer. *"Allison is the strong leader to get us there."*

O'Toole will join Second Harvest Heartland on Feb. 19 after serving as the senior director of state affairs at United States of Care and, previously, as the CEO of MNsure. She plans to follow in the footsteps of her predecessor and spend the first few months of her new charge getting to know Second Harvest Heartland staff and familiarizing herself with the vast network of agencies we partner with.

We are confident that our deep bench of leaders and the strength of the hunger-relief network position us well for this time of growth and change.

If you have questions about the transition, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my colleague [Pat Pearson](#).

Thank you for your partnership!



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