

## Second Harvest Heartland Announces Five New Board Members

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. (Dec. 12, 2016)**—Second Harvest Heartland today announced five new members to its board of directors. The organization's board members play a critical role in helping Second Harvest Heartland fulfill its mission of ending hunger through community partnerships. These five new board members join 16 current members, forming a robust board of directors with deep experience in food, health, logistics, technology and philanthropy that represents the area's impressive business community.



**Calvin U. Allen**, *Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning & Human Resources, HealthPartners*

With Allen as senior vice president for strategic planning and human resources at HealthPartners, the company has experienced dramatic growth and employee satisfaction. He has extensive experience in management, business development and financial services and currently serves as a member of the Minneapolis CHRO Governing Body, the Human Resource Executive Committee (HREC), World Impact Executive Board and the National Association of Health Services Executives. Allen was honored by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* as a 40 Under 40 recipient and recognized twice as a Diversity in Business honoree. He earned a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University and Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.



**Christina Hennington**, *Senior Vice President, Merchandising Transformation and Operations, Target Corporation*

In her role, Hennington is responsible for the operating functions within merchandising including presentation, negotiations, business process, analytics and category management. Hennington has deep knowledge in merchandising and product management. She previously served on the Board of Governors for Cosmetic Executive Women, a nonprofit professional organization in NYC, and completed a two-year Henry Crown Fellowship through the Aspen Institute in 2015. Hennington earned her bachelors degree from Cornell University and her MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.



**James P. Lemke**, *President, Robinson Fresh, C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.*

As president of Robinson Fresh, Lemke has global oversight of the company's fresh produce and temperature controlled supply chain activities. Lemke has been with C.H. Robinson since 1989, holding various management positions in corporation and product sourcing before being named president in 2015. He is the current chairman of the United Fresh Start Foundation, and a member of the Fresh Executive Committee for the Food Marketing Institute. Lemke is a passionate advocate for increasing children's access to fruits and vegetables and recently announced Robinson Fresh's campaign, Kids Speak Fresh. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Minnesota.



**Jeff Putnam, Senior Vice President and Controller, UnitedHealth Group**

Putnam is responsible for the UnitedHealth Group corporate accounting, financial planning and analysis, capital planning, corporate actuarial, and accounts payable functions. He has a strong background leading enterprise budgeting and forecasting, management reporting and analysis, accounts payable, and corporate procurement activities. Putnam serves on the board of Free Arts Minnesota, an organization that works with youth in challenging circumstances to support artistic and personal development through a unique combination of mentorship and arts learning. He earned an undergraduate degree in Engineering Sciences from Dartmouth College and a Master of Business Administration from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.



**Hunter J. Saklad, Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer, Select Comfort Corporation**

Saklad leads Select Comfort's information technology function by driving the transformation of core infrastructure and applications to support Sleep Number's customer-focused growth strategy. Prior to joining Select Comfort in 2004, he held finance-leadership roles at Ford Motor Company and Visteon. Saklad is the board chair of Think Small, a nonprofit intermediary organization serving the early childhood education community. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in American civilization and public policy from Brown University and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University .

As one of the nation's largest, most efficient and most innovative hunger relief organizations, Second Harvest Heartland creates new programs and initiatives that provide greater support and additional ways for people to access the food they need. The board is responsible for the governance of the organization, setting policies and overall priorities.

"Our size means we operate like a business, with an intense focus on efficiency and the bottom line," said Rob Zeaske, CEO of Second Harvest Heartland. "We are fortunate to have such strong, highly respected community business leaders helping us achieve our goals of leading through innovation to find creative solutions to connect the full resources of our community with our hungry neighbors."

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#### **About Second Harvest Heartland**

Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation's largest, most efficient and most innovative hunger relief organizations. Second Harvest Heartland provides an average of 75 percent of all food distributed by its food shelf partners, and in 2015, provided more than 77 million meals to nearly 1,000 food shelves, pantries and other partner programs serving 59 counties in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Second Harvest Heartland leads through innovation, finding efficient, effective solutions to connect the full resources of our community with our hungry neighbors. For more information, visit [2harvest.org](http://2harvest.org) or call 651.484.5117.



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