



Feed Northland Kids is saddened to announce that Executive Director Gwen O'Brien has announced her resignation effective October 31, 2025. Mrs. O'Brien has decided to return to direct care work as a private practice therapist. O'Brien has been the Executive Director of Feed Northland Kids since April 2023. During that time, she led the Board through a period of continued growth and strategic planning to position the organization to continue to meet the needs of the hungry in Clay and Platte Counties. At present, Feed Northland Kids operates 43 school pantries in cooperation with local school districts and distributes an average of 1500 community food kits each month. This work is made possible through a dedicated group of monthly volunteers in excess of 100 adults and students.

"Gwen has led Feed Northland Kids during a time of growth and evolution, applying her great organizational skills to guide us through change and structural adjustments. Her leadership will be missed. We wish her all the best in her new endeavors serving clients one-on-one. Individuals come and go in our work, but hunger is constant. We will continue to work diligently to address hunger needs in the Northland." said Michael Short, President, Feed Northland Kids.

The Board of Feed Northland Kids will begin an immediate search to identify and select a new Executive Director. Mrs. O'Brien has agreed to continue to work with the organization on a part-time basis through the end of the calendar year and assist with the transition to a new Executive Director.

Questions should be addressed to Feed Northland Kids Board President, Michael Short, at (816) 729-5061 or mlshortkc@aol.com.