



Feed Northland Kids is pleased to announce that Colleen Wachter will serve as the organization's next Executive Director.

A longtime Northland resident, Colleen brings 25 years of high-level nonprofit executive and fundraising experience to the job. Colleen began her career staging events and raising funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society before joining the Mid-America chapter of The ALS Association, where she served as Executive Director and oversaw operations in a three-state area. Most recently, she served as Director of the Advancement Board for the University of Kansas Academic Medical Center, where she worked with civic, business, nonprofit and philanthropic leaders to advance the mission of the region's premier academic medical center.

Colleen and her husband Jason have three sons – Teague, Kellen and Barrett – and she enjoys cheering on their boys at their sporting events, reading and being active in the community.

"The Northland is such a generous place," Colleen said. "I am excited to work in the community where I live, and to support some of our most vulnerable students and families." Feed Northland Kids board president Michael Short expressed his enthusiasm for this new chapter in the group's history. "Colleen Wachter has a long record of success and dedication to some of the most prestigious and successful nonprofit organizations in our region," he said. "We are excited for her to lead Feed Northland Kids into the future."

Colleen will begin her duties on March 16, 2026.

To learn more about Feed Northland Kids, including how you can help, please visit feednorthlandkids.org.