Food Bank of the Southern Tier
Questions for Potential Board Candidates

The Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier seeks to learn more about your interest in joining our Board of Directors. Please review the position description for service (attached) to better understand the roles and responsibilities of a Food Bank Board Member.

Potential Board Members are also asked to respond to the following questions which will be shared with the members of the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.

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Occupation (current and/or past):

I have been an employee of Cornell Cooperative Extension for 30+ years. I began at Cornell Univsersity as a Curriculum Specialist at the former Instructional Materials Service, writing and editing agricultural curriculums for K-12 as well as 2 yr. ag & techs. I was

Volunteer Activities/Board Services (current and/or past):

I have served on the Board of the Rural Health Network of South Central NY, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Athens & Sheshequin, the Chemung County Human Relations Commission, the Chemung County Ag & Farmland Protection Board, the Tioga County Sg & Farmland Protection Board, the Chemung County Human Resources Committee, and the Chemung Ag Promotions Committee. I organized and facilitated the Tioga County Non-Profit Network and the Chemung County Non-Profit Network, the

What is your personal or professional experience with the Food Bank?

As Executive Director of CCE Tioga, I worked with the Food Bank to establish and run the Pheonix Kids Cafe in Waverly for 8 years. It was a safe, afterschool place that provided a free meal and educational programming, supported in part by the Food Bank. In addition, in both Chemung and Tioga Counties, we have worked with the Food Bank through our SNAP ED program to work together to reach low income families and to help them gain access to fresh fruits and vegetables at farmer's markets utilizing

What about the Food Bank motivates you to consider serving on its Board of Directors?

I am excited to support the work of the Food Bank, knowing that there is a sincere interest as well as efforts to improve the quality of the food offered to families and to access more of it from local farms, to the strengthen our local food systems, and to work toward identifying and addressing the core issues that families are facing that result in them seeking assistance from food pantries.

What would you hope to gain or learn from your participation on the Food Bank Board?

I hope to share my knowledge, experience and passion with the organization, as well as develop a deeper understanding of what is working and what could be improved, and build new relationships with caring and dynamic people across our region. And of course, satisfaction that I am helping people lead happier and healthier lives, especially yhe most vulnerable.

In what areas of board service do you see – or would you like to see – yourself making a meaningful contribution?

I am most interested in advocacy, education and support. Although I recognize that my many years of non profit management could be helpful in finance and HR.

What experience, skills, abilities, and/or talents do you bring to the Food Bank and its Board of Directors?

I would bring a wide range of skills, abilities, and experience to the Food Bank. These include growong up on and working on a family dairy farm, 22 years + of non profit management, 30 + years of educational program development and implementation, knowledge of Chemung and Tioga Counties, as well as NYS, and many connections and relationships within Chemung & Tioga Counties and the Cornell Cooperative Extension state wide system. I am also a singer/songwriter.

Please send your completed form along with a copy of your resume or a brief biographical statement to Lynn Dates at lynn.dates@foodbankst.org.

Thank you very much for your interest in the Food Bank of the Southern Tier!