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):

Current - Principal of BCK Partners, Inc., a personal financial advisory firm.
Past - Financial advisor with John G. Ullman & Associates

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

Current - ASMS BOD 2011-2022; current Chair of the Finance and Audit Committees.
Past - Chemung Valley Montessori School BOD 2004(?)-2011; past Chair of the Finance Committee.
Past - The Park Church Finance Committee

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

Back when the FBST was in its old building, my wife and I would bring our two young children and volunteer (I believe through Park Church or Montessori). We mostly sorted and packed backpacks. My two children continued to volunteer while they were at ASMS and Notre Dame.

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

I have always been amazed at what the FBST is able to accomplish. However, it wasn't until I began talking with former Board members and others involved with the organization that I really began to appreciate the true scope of its work and the complicated nature of its operations. It is hard to imagine a better mission.

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

I hope to gain a sense of accomplishment in helping the FBST achieve its mission. I hope to learn more about the needs in our community and how I can help.

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

I have experience serving on the finance committees for several not-for-profits and believe that I could best serve the organization in this area. However, I would be open to discuss any need that the organization has and how I might be of service.

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

I have not practiced law in over 20 years, but I still use the skills developed then (issue identification, problem solving and advocacy) in my work today. I work well with others. I feel that I can appreciate and learn from points of view other than my own.

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!