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Harvest Manitoba Announces Resignation of CEO

Winnipeg, May 19, 2021 – Harvest Manitoba announces that its Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of its CEO, Keren Taylor-Hughes, which is effective Sept. 30, 2021. The search for a new CEO is underway.

“We thank Keren for her leadership over the last three-and-a-half years” said Marilyn McLaren, Chair, Harvest Board of Directors. “She envisioned and managed great change, and Harvest is a much stronger organization today thanks to her leadership.”

During her tenure, Taylor-Hughes successfully stewarded the organization toward the achievement of several important milestones including:

- More individuals, businesses and partners than ever before have stepped up to donate food, time and money to fight food insecurity that worsened during each wave of the pandemic.
- Breakfast2Go, the weekend meals for hungry kids program, was launched and now serves 5 inner city elementary schools throughout the year. Last summer Harvest expanded the program to include a Harvest Summer Meals2Go Program for the 5 Breakfast2Go school communities as well as 3 Northern Indigenous communities. The program continues to thrive.
- In response to COVID-19, Harvest re-engineered its food distribution system by creating Harvest Hampers for safer, more efficient, food delivery to Manitobans in need. Hampers mean that more Community Food Network members were able to continue to serve their communities with this almost touch-free delivery mechanism during this difficult time.
- Harvest also welcomed new partnerships and strengthened existing partnerships with Manitoba food producers who all make such critical contributions to our food sharing programs.
- And most recently, Harvest transitioned from Winnipeg Harvest to Harvest Manitoba to better reflect who we are and who we have always served.

A special committee of the Board has been established to manage the hiring of the new CEO over the months ahead, with the assistance of MNP.

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About Harvest Manitoba

Harvest Manitoba (“Harvest”) is a charitable organization dedicated to nourishing our communities and our sense of community so that no Manitoban goes hungry. We collect 11 million pounds of food every year, which is sorted and packed largely by volunteers into Harvest Hampers and distributed to Manitobans through our Community Food Network of more than 325 food banks and agencies in Winnipeg, rural, northern and First Nations communities. Right now, we feed 80,000 Manitobans every month, 46% children. Our Food Distribution Centre, which includes our Emergency Food Support Assistance Line and Warehouse, are in our Winnipeg Headquarters. To learn more or donate, please visit: HarvestManitoba.ca

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