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Foodshare's Gloria McAdam Accepts Position in Northern New York

BLOOMFIELD, CT, Sept. 19, 2014 -- Gloria McAdam, Foodshare's President and CEO, has accepted a position heading an organization that fights hunger in Northern New York. She will remain at Foodshare until Dec. 31, 2014 when she will assume the role of Executive Director of GardenShare in Canton, NY, near where she grew up. During the search for a permanent replacement, COO Christine O'Rourke will serve as interim CEO.

McAdam informed Foodshare's staff and Board of Directors today. The organization has already activated its succession plan, which includes launching a nationwide search for a new President/CEO. Foodshare's succession plan has been in place for over ten years and is reviewed and updated by its Board regularly.

"We are indebted to Gloria for building a robust and dynamic organization with a strong mission and a deep bench of talented employees," said Leslie Soler, Chair of Foodshare's Board. "Her determination and passion for the twin issues of fighting hunger and ending its causes has been an inspiration for the last 30 years. We will miss her terribly, but her drive to build this organization into a fiscally sound force against hunger leaves it strong and resilient. As a result, Foodshare's mission, work, and current fund-development efforts will not be affected by this transition."

McAdam, a native of Northern New York, found the lure of building a similar organization in the area where she grew up difficult to resist. "I've always had strong ties to the North Country and one day hoped to return," she says. "While I leave Foodshare with a great deal of sadness, I know the team we've built shares my passion for fighting hunger and ending its causes and will be terrific stewards of this mission. I am grateful for the community, volunteers, and staff support that has helped us grow Foodshare from a tiny, grass-roots organization to one that is currently building our capacity to both feed hungry people and engage in programs to end hunger in the region. I am so proud of the work, the staff and the dedicated volunteers who work every day to end hunger. They will always be part of my family."

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About Foodshare

Foodshare is building a movement to solve hunger, bringing together individuals and organizations in all 42 towns of Hartford and Tolland counties.

Foodshare does this in three key ways, by:

- **Increasing the amount of food available**, to continue feeding our 128,000 hungry neighbors—including seniors, the working poor, and 50,000 children. Foodshare distributes enough food to provide 12 million meals annually through our network of 300 local partners.
- **Building self-sufficiency** to reduce the number of people in need. In this way, we address the chronic underlying reasons why people are hungry. These stem from poverty, not just the immediate lack of food.
- **Involving the entire community** to increase their understanding of these real causes and solutions to hunger. Our goal is to inspire community members to become personally involved in effective hunger solutions.

Since 1982, Foodshare has sought to end hunger in our region. Working in partnership with other community leaders such as the United Way, End Hunger Connecticut! and 211 Infoline, Foodshare has the experience and is building the networks necessary to help make this vision a reality.