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Food Bank RGV Announce New CEO

PHARR, TX – The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley Board of Directors is proud to announce the appointment of Stuart Haniff, MHA as the new Chief Executive Officer, effective November 18, 2019.

Haniff will become only the 3rd non-interim CEO during the Food Bank RGV's 33-year history. He will oversee over 75 employees with a network of 275 Partner Agencies helping feed up to 64,000 people on a weekly basis in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties.

Haniff comes from a family of medical professionals that has instilled in him a life-long dedication to tackling issues of hunger, health, and poverty. He is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), with a degree in Political Science. He also has a Masters degree in Healthcare Administration (MHA). Most recently, he served as Chief Philanthropy Officer for Feeding America Riverside | San Bernardino in California between 2015 and 2018. He has robust experience in the fields of advocacy and community engagement with his service to various initiatives and committees with Feeding America. He was also in leadership roles with The United Way and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Haniff is a nationally recognized voice for anti-hunger with more than two decades of progressive nonprofit leadership, administration, and healthcare management. His non-profit expertise includes: resource development, capacity building, strategic planning, governance, organizational development, program delivery, and operations, bringing more than fifteen years of improving policies and delivering services to those most vulnerable.

“My goal is to do more than simply feed people,” Haniff said. “As a food bank, we want to move people from hunger to health through nutrition. For more than thirty years, FBRGV has been a vital institution for Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties. Hunger is big but the compassion, commitment, and contributions of this community is bigger. I believe it's our responsibility to help our vulnerable neighbors who face the anxiety and uncertainty of not knowing where their next meal is coming from.”

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Stuart was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He and his daughter Hilary are both new residents of the south, as she began her freshman year at Louisiana State University (LSU), this fall.

About the Food Bank RGV:

The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. was incorporated in 1986 and has grown to be the largest charity in south Texas based on clients served. In fiscal year 2018, over 55 million pounds of food and fresh produce were distributed to Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties and the Feeding America network of food banks. Up to 64,000 people are fed via 275 Partner Agencies any given week.

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