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Colonial Heights Food Pantry Welcomes Drew Morgan as Executive Director



COLONIAL HEIGHTS, Va. — Colonial Heights Food Pantry (CHFP) is pleased to announce Drew Morgan as its new Executive Director. Drew will fully assume the role effective November 1. Drew brings a wealth of experience in organizational leadership, operations, food and nutrition services, business development, and team development to the role.

Throughout his career, Drew has led complex, multi-site organizations and diverse teams spanning food and nutrition services, operations, sales, and organizational development. His leadership has consistently focused on developing people, strengthening systems, and building the collaborative teams and sustainable processes that allow organizations to better serve the communities that depend on them.

For Drew, the mission of Colonial Heights Food Pantry is personal. Growing up, he experienced food insecurity firsthand — an experience that shaped his understanding of both the importance of reliable food access and the dignity with which that assistance should be provided. His later work in K–12 food and nutrition programs showed him the impact that free and reduced-price meal programs can have on children and families. Food access and service have remained constant threads throughout his career, and joining CHFP gives him the opportunity to bring those experiences together as the focus of his professional mission.

Drew was drawn to CHFP by its dynamic, engaged Board of Directors and the significant growth the organization has achieved in a relatively short time. He is eager to build on that strong foundation while staying rooted in the dignity, compassion, and personal connection that define community-based service.

Drew succeeds Warren Hammonds, who is retiring after serving as Executive Director of the Colonial Heights Food Pantry for more than nine years and helped guide the organization through a period of significant growth and development. Reflecting on his time with CHFP, Warren said, “I am extremely honored to have been a part of this organization for over nine years and to have had the opportunity to work with such a committed staff and our corps of dedicated volunteers. I am proud of what we have done together and the impact the CHFP makes within the communities we serve. I leave with deep gratitude for my time here and excitement for knowing that the pantry is in such good hands as Drew leads the CHFP into its next chapter.”

Looking ahead, Drew believes the ultimate measure of success would be a community where food pantries are no longer necessary. While the need for food assistance will remain for the foreseeable future, his vision for CHFP goes beyond providing food. He plans to continue to broaden the pantry's outreach, develop programs that respond to the community's evolving needs, and deepen relationships with local organizations, businesses, churches, schools, civic leaders, and other community partners — as well as continuing to position CHFP as both a dependable source of food assistance and a strong community partner that connects individuals and families to resources and opportunities.

Drew's commitment to service extends beyond his professional career. He has been involved with organizations including Young Life, the Scott Hannon Foundation, Meals on Wheels, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the YMCA, and has created and led programs supporting students with special needs.

Drew holds professional credentials including Certified Executive Chef, World Certified Executive Chef, Certified Culinary Administrator, Foodservice Management Professional, and Certified Dietary Manager. Through the American Culinary Federation, he has held leadership roles and was recognized as Midlands South Carolina Chef of the Year.

Drew and his family previously called the Richmond area home before relocating to Dallas for a sales and operations executive opportunity. When the chance arose to return, Drew and his wife knew Richmond was where they wanted to raise their family. They live in the Richmond area with their daughter and are expecting the arrival of another child in early 2027.

"Food access and service have been a part of my life and my career for a long time," Drew said. "I've always tried to make them a part of what I do. At this point in my life, I have the opportunity to stop making them a part of my career and make them the mission."

Colonial Heights Food Pantry is looking forward to Drew's leadership as the organization continues to grow its impact in the community.

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