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Redwood Empire Food Bank Welcomes Katie Bower, Jina Homan, and Kevin McCullough to its Board of Directors

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (September 16, 2026): The Redwood Empire Food Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Katie Bower, Jina Homan, and Kevin McCullough to its Board of Directors. The new directors bring complementary expertise in healthcare, fresh-food sourcing and distribution, organizational leadership, governance, strategic partnerships, and local civic leadership.

Their appointments reflect the food bank's commitment to strong community leadership and the expertise needed to advance its mission of ending hunger in our community.

"We are thrilled to welcome Katie, Jina, and Kevin to the Redwood Empire Food Bank Board of Directors," said Allison Goodwin, President & CEO of the Redwood Empire Food Bank. "They each bring exceptional professional insight, a deep connection to Sonoma County, and a personal commitment to caring for our neighbors. Their leadership and perspective will be especially valuable as we continue working to end hunger and build a healthier, more resilient community."

Katie Bower

Katie Bower is the Oncology Nurse Manager for Providence's Round Barn and Lynch Creek Oncology Centers in Sonoma County, where she oversees outpatient oncology and infusion services and leads multidisciplinary teams dedicated to high-quality, compassionate care. She brings extensive healthcare leadership experience in clinical operations, quality improvement, regulatory compliance, and staff development. Through her work with oncology patients and their families, Bower has seen how access to nutritious food can support health and help ease the burdens of serious illness.

Bower first came to know the Redwood Empire Food Bank through the support it provided to people affected by the Tubbs Fire in 2017. After losing her home in the fire, she experienced firsthand the strength and compassion of the local community.

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Wanting to give back, she and her family later volunteered at the food bank, sorting and bagging fresh produce for local families.

In her work at Providence, Bower spearheaded the implementation of the Nourish Pantry at the Providence Oncology Center in partnership with the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Since opening in 2024, the pantry has provided more than 300,000 pounds of nutritious food to oncology patients experiencing food insecurity and their households.

“Working alongside the Redwood Empire Food Bank through the Nourish Pantry has deepened my commitment to addressing food insecurity as a critical social determinant of health,” Bower said. “I am honored to join the board and hope to help strengthen community partnerships and advance equitable access to healthy food throughout Sonoma County.”

Jina Homan

Jina Homan is the Co-Owner and CEO of Andy’s Produce, a third-generation, family-owned grocery business in Sebastopol. As a lifelong Sonoma County resident and food-industry leader, she brings experience in fresh-food sourcing, distribution, business leadership, and community partnerships.

Through Andy’s Produce’s wholesale operation, which supplies fresh produce to more than 200 markets, restaurants, schools, and businesses, Homan has firsthand knowledge of the logistics and relationships involved in moving nutritious food throughout the community. She also continues a longstanding company and family commitment to supporting local schools, youth programs, nonprofits, and families through food and financial donations.

Homan’s connection to the Redwood Empire Food Bank is deeply personal. Her grandfather, Andy, was one of the food bank’s original founders, making her appointment a meaningful continuation of her family’s legacy. The Food Bank’s mission reflects a value that has long guided her family: that access to nutritious food is fundamental to a healthy, cared-for community.

“For my family, being a grocer has always meant more than selling food—it means helping feed and care for the community,” Homan said. “My grandfather helped found the Redwood Empire Food Bank, so joining the board is a full-circle moment for me. I am honored to carry forward his legacy and contribute to a mission that has been part of my family’s values for generations.”



Homan's food-system expertise, commitment to nutritious food access, and deep local roots will help inform the food bank's work to ensure neighbors across the region have the food they need to thrive.

Kevin McCullough

Kevin McCullough is a Partner Emeritus of Spaulding McCullough & Tansil LLP, with 43 years of experience advising businesses, organizations, and families on complex legal and financial matters. His background includes corporate governance, business transactions, real property, succession planning, and trust and estate planning—experience that will support the food bank's long-term planning, responsible stewardship, and organizational strength.

A longtime Sonoma County community leader, McCullough has contributed his time and leadership to organizations including Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, Cardinal Newman High School, the Keegan Leadership Committee, and the Wells Fargo Center for the Performing Arts. His history of civic involvement, combined with his practical business and governance perspective, will be a valuable asset as the Redwood Empire Food Bank continues to advance its mission and serve the region.

McCullough first connected with the food bank after a friend invited him to attend its Empty Bowls Gala. The event underscored the food bank's vital, direct role in helping people facing hunger and inspired him to support its work.

"Of the many nonprofits in the community I could support, the food bank's purpose and mission directly benefit neighbors facing hunger," McCullough said. "Few things in life are more important than being able to feed your family."

About the Redwood Empire Food Bank

Since 1987, the Redwood Empire Food Bank has provided food and nourishment to people facing hunger—serving more than 135,000 children, families, and seniors in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties. Over 300 monthly direct-service distributions and 130 local partnerships helps ensure that anyone experiencing hunger has access to healthy groceries every week of the year.

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