

Kyle Waide

President and CEO

Kyle Waide has led the Atlanta Community Food Bank in its mission to engage, educate and empower the community to fight hunger since 2015. Under Kyle's leadership, the Food Bank has adopted a bold goal - all hungry people in our region will have access to the nutritious meals they need when they need them. To that end, the Food Bank has expanded operations, programming, and distribution to reduce our regional meal gap, which is the number of meals our hungry neighbors miss each year, by nearly 40%. As part of this growth, the Food Bank has dramatically enhanced the nutritional content of the meals it provides, with fresh and frozen foods now accounting for more than 40% of its total output, including 16 million pounds of produce each year.

Kyle has led his team of food bankers to develop new partnerships and programs to better serve priority populations, including children, seniors and working families, while also working to address the root causes of hunger. The Food Bank launched its Child Nutrition Initiative in 2015, and now works with 80 schools across 11 school districts to increase food access for students and their families. Food Bank staff work with health care partners like Grady Hospital and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to connect their patients with greater access to food. In partnership with the Georgia Department of Public Health, the Food Bank leads a statewide WIC Working Group, which aims to increase access to food and nutrition education for pregnant women, mothers and young children. Through these and other efforts, the Atlanta Community Food Bank has earned a reputation as a leading innovator and thought leader in the national network of food banks, Feeding America.

Prior to becoming CEO, Kyle served for three years as the Food Bank's Vice President of Partner Operations, leading the organization to record-breaking years of food distribution to hungry neighbors. Before joining the Food Bank, he held several management roles at The Home Depot in disaster relief, corporate responsibility, community affairs, and store operations. He also previously served on the management team that created and launched Charity Navigator, the nation's premier charity evaluation service. Kyle began his career as a Teach For America corps member, teaching 8th grade language arts and math at Whaley Middle School in Compton, CA.

Kyle is a graduate of Harvard University. He serves as the Chair of the Southeast Regional Cooperative, a group of more than 20 food banks across eight states working to share, source, and distribute produce grown throughout the southeast. He is the Vice Chair of the Georgia Food Bank Association and serves on several committees as part of the Feeding America network: the Policy, Education and Advocacy Committee; the Ending Hunger Advisory Committee; and the National Council. Locally, Kyle is a graduate of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2015, a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, serves on the Community Advisory Board for The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc., the Super Bowl LIII Host Committee Advisory Board and the Committee For A Better Atlanta. He also serves on the board of directors for Goodwill Industries International, Inc.

Kyle lives in Decatur, Georgia with his wife, Christina, and their three children.