



## **International Nonprofit Food for the Hungry Names Mike Meyers CEO**

PHOENIX (September 19, 2018) –Mike Meyers has been named CEO of Phoenix-based international nonprofit Food for the Hungry, effective October 1, 2018. Current President and CEO Gary Edmonds will continue to serve as the organization’s president until the end of April 2019, working closely with Meyers during this period to ensure a seamless transition.

Edmonds joined Food for the Hungry four years ago, and in that time has led the organization through a period of tremendous growth, doubling children’s sponsorships since 2015, deepening relationships with partners, and nurturing leadership within the organization, including new CEO Mike Meyers.

“I want to thank Gary for his mentorship,” said Meyers. “I have learned so much from this great man over the past four years. It has been a joy to walk alongside Gary as he unfolded his vision for FH and put in place new ways for us to work together. I am humbled and honored to lead Food for the Hungry as we continue to go to the hard places and work toward ending all forms of human poverty worldwide, one community at a time.”

Meyers joined Food for the Hungry in 2012 and has served as chief development officer for the last four years. In this position, he led the global strategic development plan for the organization and helped to double child sponsorship and increase overall donor support for Food for the Hungry’s lifechanging work in some of the poorest countries around the world.

“I am so proud of our team and what we have accomplished over the past four years,” said Edmonds. “Mike and I have worked together closely over the past few years, and I have great confidence in his ability to build upon our success. Mike is a true leader in every sense of the word, and I look forward to seeing how he will continue to expand the great work being done by Food for the Hungry.”

Food for the Hungry has been serving those who are living through unimaginable hardships for over four decades. Today, the nonprofit works in more than 20 countries around the world providing life-changing resources such as clean water, medical aid, food, education, vocational training, spiritual development and hope.

### **About Food for the Hungry**

Food for the Hungry is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. Since 1971, Food for the Hungry has been going into the world’s hardest places with an exit strategy: to respond to human suffering and graduate communities of extreme poverty into self-sustainability, all within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and conflict risk reduction, the nonprofit focuses on transformational development, investing in children as the key to lift entire communities out of poverty. With 98% of staff working in their country of origin, Food for the Hungry works side-by-side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative



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solutions. The organization currently serves more than 14 million people in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow @food4thehungry or visit [www.fh.org](http://www.fh.org).

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