



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Food for the Hungry appoints Lisa J. Pino as Chief Operating Officer
Non-profit hires nationally-recognized attorney and executive to lead its operations, and shepherd its next phase of growth

Washington, D.C. and Phoenix, Arizona (July 27, 2023) – [Food for the Hungry](#) (FH) today announced the appointment of Lisa J. Pino as its new Chief Operating Officer (COO). Pino, who officially commenced the role on July 10, will oversee and implement systems to forge organizational transformation and achieve greater impact across the 18 countries that FH serves around the world.

Lisa’s experience in innovation, growth, and her ability to lead large complex programs will enhance and accelerate our efforts to overcome poverty, injustice and marginalization for the people we serve around the world,” said **Mark Viso, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FH**. *“Her leadership and background as a public servant, leading social service, legal practice, and government operations at the state, federal, and global levels will be invaluable as we continue on our reimagination journey.”*

As a strategic partner to the CEO and in support of the FH Board chaired by Larry Jones, Pino will bring invaluable structural and change management expertise to ensure that children, families, and communities hold the voice, agency, and ownership needed to be resilient and flourish. Pino will thus oversee business operations at FH, including public and private resource development, external affairs, global programming, and country operations across 18 countries serving more than 10 million people. She will create an operational model for the global nonprofit organization that integrates all aspects of U.S. and country offices. Her goal will be to create a collaborative work environment that leads to positive results and encourages data-driven decision-making across the organization.

“I am humbled and honored to join Food for the Hungry during this challenging time in global aid and development work. As a mission-driven organization, FH creates impact with heart, dignity, and longevity by empowering each community as poverty, injustice, and marginalization persist,” said **Pino**. *“The integrity of Food for the Hungry’s relationships with communities, and its bold, innovative approaches, are building resilience to enable children and families to flourish, and I am honored to be on board.”*

Pino boasts an impressive track record, having held leadership positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as deputy administrator of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and later as the USDA deputy assistant secretary for civil rights. Following USDA, she served as a senior counselor to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security where her portfolio included business management and health affairs. During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Pino served as the executive deputy commissioner at the New York State Department of Health under the Governor, where she effectively managed the state's operational response to the pandemic. She most recently served as director for the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

Pino is a highly accomplished individual, an immigration attorney, a First-Generation college graduate, is fluent in English and Spanish, and a daughter of immigrant parents. She is a native of New York, and completed her bachelor's, master's, and juris doctor at Arizona State University (ASU) with distinction. Among her awards received are ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Dean's Award, Humanities' College Leader award, and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund's Brillante award. She is a Health Innovation Fellow at The Aspen Institute, a former Thurgood Marshall Fellow of the Council on Legal Education and Opportunity, and an alumna of the AmeriCorps and The White House Presidential Leadership Workshop programs. Her legal experience extends from the border after 9/11 at the Florence Immigrant Rights and Refugee Project, representing migrant farmworkers at Arizona legal aid, and counseling global corporate clients at Mayer Brown LLP's Global Mobility and Migration Practice in Washington, D.C.

Pino's expertise includes over two decades of leading social services, government programs, public policy, and law practice across public health, immigration, food security, agriculture, civil rights, and national security. She has dedicated herself to improving the lives of people in the United States and around the world.

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About Food for the Hungry

Food for the Hungry is a Christian humanitarian aid and global development organization that designs, develops and delivers solutions so that children, families and communities can flourish. Collaborating with local leaders across sectors, we co-create solutions that build resilience by strengthening mental, physical and spiritual well-being. We serve nearly 10 million people in 18 countries so that communities have the agency and resources necessary to realize their God-given potential. For more information, follow FH on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit www.fh.org