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There's Someone You Should Meet

Beth Martino is a loving wife and mother, a gifted leader, a fierce advocate for people facing hunger, *and* **Three Square's new President and CEO.**

Turn the page to get to know Beth and discover why she's excited about what's next in the pursuit of a hunger-free Southern Nevada.



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OUR MISSION

The mission of Three Square Food Bank is to provide wholesome food to hungry people, while passionately pursuing a hunger-free community. Our vision is simple: No one in our community should be hungry. By bringing together the resources, experience and passion of the people and businesses of Southern Nevada, we can make sure no one has to. Together, we can feed everyone.

Three Square Food Bank is registered with the Secretary of State and qualified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, and a member of Feeding America. Established in 2007, Three Square is Southern Nevada's only food bank and the area's largest hunger-relief organization. Your charitable contribution to Three Square is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Get to Know *Beth Martino*

When Three Square's previous CEO Brian Burton resigned, Michelle Beck — our Chief Development Officer — graciously agreed to serve in the role until a replacement could be found. In late spring, we were pleased to announce the appointment of Beth Martino to the permanent CEO position. Just recently, Michelle went on a tour of the food bank with Beth. During that time, Michelle had the opportunity to learn more about Beth's background, her passion for helping vulnerable people across Southern Nevada, and why friends like you are key to ending hunger in our community.

Michelle Beck: Beth, welcome to Three Square! We're thrilled to have you. Would you tell our friends and supporters a little about your background?

Beth Martino: Thank you, Michelle! I was born and raised in Kansas. I attended Washburn University and later the University of Kansas, where I received a master's degree in journalism. Before our family moved to Southern Nevada seven years ago, I was the CEO of the Maryland Food Bank. When we arrived in Las Vegas, I took a role leading public affairs for a national organization that represents nursing homes and other healthcare providers for people with long-term needs.

Michelle: How did you learn about Three Square?

Beth: Shortly after we arrived, I met with former Three Square

You're Helping Feed Vulnerable Children and Seniors!

Kids Cafe

Three Square's Kids Cafe program provides healthy afterschool meals for children without access to regular nutrition.



Meet Up and Eat Up

During the summer, thousands of meals are served to kids in low-income areas to help ensure their hunger doesn't begin when the school year ends.



Golden Groceries

This vital program gives seniors access to lean proteins, whole grains, and fresh produce. Visitors select food items based on their needs and wants, and home delivery is also available.



Senior Community Meals

At participating libraries across Las Vegas, seniors 60+ and their loved ones can receive a hot, nutritious meal — free of charge.



CEO Brian Burton because I wanted to get connected to organizations in the community. Since then, our kids and I have volunteered at Three Square and with a number of other organizations to help with serving meals, drive-thru food distributions and packing produce bags in the warehouse.

Michelle: Why are you drawn to feeding and helping people in need?

Beth: Feeding people is an immensely important issue to me. I see it as a fundamental right that everyone should have access to good food. So, to think that we have people going hungry here in Southern Nevada is really just heartbreaking. I'm particularly struck by children who don't know where their next meal might come from.

Michelle: What about Three Square inspired you to take the reins as President and CEO?

Beth: What I find particularly compelling is Three Square's ability to interact with 160 partner agencies that are in the community serving different demographics and geographic areas. I think that really helps to amplify the impact of the work. Also, Las Vegas is a relatively young community with an entrepreneurial and creative spirit, and Three Square is a very sophisticated, well-respected organization. So, as far as community solutions go, at Three Square we can look forward to *what's next*.

Michelle: So in that case, what is next?

Beth: The good news is that we, as part of the Feeding America network, have done great work to address feeding people. But we can also start thinking about the work of *ending* hunger, which is also a key but more challenging component of our mission. How can we address what's gotten people to the point of hunger in the first place? To me, that is a much more complex question, and it's incumbent upon us

in this type of work to look for ways that we can address those root causes.

Michelle: Why are individual gifts from our wonderful community of supporters so important to the work of Three Square?

Beth: The impact our supporters make is beyond significant. The simple truth is that without their financial gifts, people across Southern Nevada would go hungry. And their continued support will play a vital role in ending hunger for our neighbors in need.

Michelle: Lastly, tell us a little about your family and how you spend time outside of work?

Beth: My husband Stephen and I have two children and a sweet seven-year-old boxer that we adopted through a rescue program during the pandemic. Our daughter is soon to be a freshman in college and our son is a sophomore in high school, so we have a very active home life and are really engaged with our kids and their activities. We're also huge Kansas Jayhawks and Chiefs fans (Sorry, Raider Nation!).



"Volunteering provides *a sense of purpose.*"



When my husband and I were first married, we began serving morning meals on weekends at a shelter in our community. It was incredibly rewarding and was one of my first experiences seeing the value firsthand of bringing people together around a meal. Since then, I have looked for opportunities to volunteer.

These days, our entire family volunteers in one way or another. My husband and both of our children have volunteered alongside me, but they have their own projects too. And we all agree we get more out of it than we give.

If you're not already volunteering with Three Square Food Bank, I encourage you to sign up today. I realize life can get busy, and squeezing in time to volunteer may seem impossible. But most of us can

find a few hours here and there, and that's a great place to start. I think you'll find that the benefits are endless and that volunteering provides a sense of purpose and connects you to your community in a special way. Most important, you'll help relieve the hunger of individuals and families in need. Every day, nearly 100 volunteers gather to help Three Square serve the meals our neighbors depend on. Thank you! We are grateful beyond words for this labor of love. If you'd like to join them, you can learn more about summertime volunteer opportunities at Three Square by visiting threesquare.org/volunteer. Hope to see you soon!

Beth Martino

Beth Martino, President & CEO

If you'd like to participate in a meet and greet with Beth, please email comments@threesquare.org!

Fill a Child's Lunch Bag *this Summer!*

With the lack of school meals during the summer break, children from struggling families are facing hunger.

You can help! Your generous gift today will support our Meet Up & Eat Up program, providing free nutritional meals for children in low-income areas. Please give today — and help "fill a child's lunch bag" with foods to keep them growing healthy and strong this summer!

No child should experience hunger.

