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Foodlink COO Terra Keller makes RBJ's Forty Under 40 list

Keller joins Foodlink board member Matt Squires among 2018 honorees

ROCHESTER – The *Rochester Business Journal* has selected Foodlink Chief Operating Officer Terra Keller as a 2018 Forty Under 40 honoree.

Forty Under 40 recognizes 40 men and women, under the age of 40, who have achieved professional success and have also made significant civic contributions to the community. A panel of judges consisting of previous winners from various professions select the Forty Under 40 honorees. In selecting the winners, judges look for candidates who excel both professionally and at a board level in the community.

Keller, who has been with Foodlink since 2009, has served as Chief Operating Officer since January of 2017. She is responsible for leading and managing all aspects of Foodlink's 100,000-square-foot distribution center, 30,000-square-foot community kitchen and fleet of 15 vehicles, and for ensuring the safe distribution of more than 18 million pounds of food and 1 million healthy meals each year.

Keller has served numerous roles during her tenure, and has overseen two of the largest projects in Foodlink history. She served as project manager for Foodlink's relocation to Mt. Read Boulevard in 2011, and the completion of the Foodlink Community Kitchen in 2016 – a \$4.9 million project that included 3 years of planning and fundraising and 7 months of construction.

"Terra has worn too many Foodlink hats to count and has risen to every single challenge with which she is presented – without fail," said Julia Tedesco, Foodlink President & CEO. "Terra does whatever needs to be done, and she does so out of deep commitment, passion and loyalty to the Foodlink mission."

Tedesco and her colleagues were also pleased to see board member Matthew Squires, CEO of Manning Squires Hennig, named to the Forty Under 40 list, as well.

"This year's Forty Under 40 honorees are building successful careers while also finding the time to volunteer and give back to our community in a meaningful way," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettnner, publisher of the *Rochester Business Journal*. "All share a commitment to making Rochester a better place to live. We at the *Rochester Business Journal* applaud them for all they do and look forward to their future accomplishments."

The Forty Under 40 awards will be presented at a luncheon Nov. 14 at noon at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 East Main Street in Rochester. Winners will be profiled in a magazine that will be inserted into the November 16 issue of the *Rochester Business Journal* and will be available online at www.rbj.net. The event hashtag is #RBJEvents. For more information about sponsorships and tickets for the *Rochester Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 awards, visit www.rbj.net or call 585-363-7271.

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About Foodlink

Foodlink is a community food resource center and the Feeding America food bank serving Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties. We leverage the power of food to transform lives, end hunger and build healthier communities. Through good stewardship, innovation and collaboration, Foodlink mobilizes a diverse network of partners and stakeholders to eradicate both the symptoms and root causes of hunger.

Our suite of food access programs provides new access points to nutritious and affordable food in underserved communities. Our team of nutrition educators empowers people at risk of diet-related illness with the skills and knowledge to make healthy choices. Our food banking operations distribute millions of pounds of food to a network of hundreds of human service agencies throughout our service area. The Foodlink Community Kitchen prepares and delivers thousands of meals daily for Rochester children, supports our regional agricultural economy by slicing locally grown apples, and hosts a one-of-a-kind career empowerment program to train individuals with barriers to employment for careers in the regional food industry. Learn more about how we are creating healthy futures for every community we serve at www.foodlinkny.org, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at @foodlinkny.

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