



## A COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORT WHAT'S NEXT AT DMARC



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# PARTING WORDS OF HOPE

FROM OUTGOING CEO MATT UNGER

I could not be more thankful for the opportunity I have had to lead this organization over the last 6 years. We get described with a lot of titles: Nonprofit, social services, safety net programming. But the one I think truly fits us best is “community based organization.”

There is this infinity loop relationship whereby DMARC exists to serve our community and our community makes what we do here possible. Despite many challenges with a pandemic, massive jump in need, a move to expand and grow our operations under a new roof and ever-changing funding challenges... none of us have lost site of that. From the beginning, I have kept in mind that this role was never about me.

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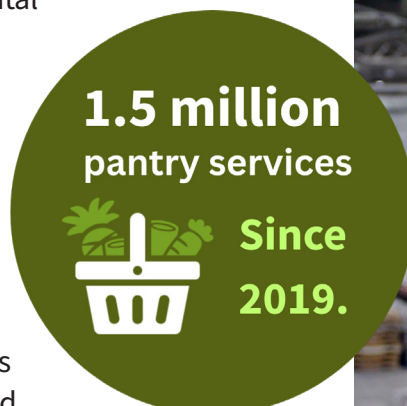
It’s the people who guide and support our efforts every day that make DMARC such a vital proponent for change in our community. I’m grateful that together we have had an opportunity to assist over 130,000 individuals in greater Des Moines since I joined this organization and supported nearly 1.5 million provisions of pantry assistance across our network; and our job isn’t finished.

I know our leadership will continue to put people first and guide our community to a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive - all of our neighbors. There have been so many things that have happened over the last 6 years that fill my heart with pride, none of which was accomplished without a whole village of collaborators from our incredible staff, partners, volunteers and supporters – all of whom are amazing!

This year I am especially proud to have gained the continued support of so many of you in our efforts to help our neighbors meet our basic human needs. Much of the year has been contained in a bubble of chaos as both state and federal government change programming and funding priorities amid continued growth in the population seeking food assistance. It’s easy to let all those unknowns impact us and our work, but we’ve got a mission and we’ve stayed focused on it because of your help!

As I step away from the organization, now is an opportunity to put my faith in our team and all of you again during this critical time in DMARC’s history. In my time here, we have enjoyed incredible community support and worked with many great partners – too many to list. But now we are at a turning point where new ideas, partnerships, and vision will be critical in carrying DMARC forward into meeting the challenges that lie ahead.

**Our mission continues.**



# INTRODUCING OUR NEW CEO



DMARC is excited to **welcome Kathy Underhill** as our next Chief Executive Officer. With over two decades of leadership in hunger relief, food policy, and advocacy, Kathy is a passionate and experienced voice in the fight against food insecurity.

## I'm thrilled to be joining DMARC.

*It's an honor to support this mission & the people of central Iowa. I look forward to working alongside this incredible team and community to continue addressing food insecurity head-on.*

- **KATHY UNDERHILL,**  
**DMARC CEO**

- *20+ years working on hunger and nutrition issues.*
- *Most recently oversaw 9 federal nutrition programs in Colorado, distributing over \$80 million in US-grown food.*
- *Founding CEO of Hunger Free Colorado.*
- *Educator at the University of Denver's School of Social Work, teaching advocacy and policy.*

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