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After 7 years and 1,300 Tons for Neighbors in Need, Executive Director Departs, Board Announces Search for Next Leader

NORTH LIBERTY – North Liberty Community Pantry Executive Director Kaila Rome, who has led the organization since 2016, will leave the organization on June 7, 2023, for a new opportunity supporting local non-profits. The Board of Directors is now seeking the vital community organization’s next leader.

During her seven-year tenure as executive director, Rome has championed the organization through growth, change and the expansion of services. Since Rome’s arrival, the North Liberty Community Pantry has opened the Community Closet to offer free clothing for all ages, strengthened partnerships with local producers through collaborative programs such as Veggie RX and provided food and other support to a record number of individuals and families in need. The Pantry has seen a 78 percent increase in visits over the last year alone.

“We are grateful for Kaila’s leadership and dedication during the toughest years the organization has faced,” says Allison Bates, Chair of the North Liberty Community Pantry’s Board of Directors. “Kaila has been invaluable in building the capacity of this vital organization in our community and will be leaving behind a legacy of community engagement and service to our most vulnerable neighbors.”

A reception to thank Rome will be held at the Pantry, 89 N. Jones Blvd. in North Liberty, on Wednesday, June 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The evening will include light refreshments and a meet and greet with current staff and NLCP board members.

The Board of Directors is now seeking to fill the role of Executive Director. The position description is now available on the NLCP website (northlibertycommunitypantry.org). Applications will be reviewed beginning May 25. Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter and three references to board@northlibertycommunitypantry.org.

About North Liberty Community Pantry: NLCP is an outreach ministry of the North Liberty First United Methodist Church that serves North Liberty and the surrounding rural areas of Johnson County. The Pantry is dedicated to engaging our community in feeding, clothing, and connecting our neighbors to resources and services. NLCP was created in 1985 and has undergone two expansions to meet the ever-growing needs of the community. The Pantry now serves over 700 local families and annually distributes more than 400,000 pounds of material goods including food, toiletries, laundry detergent and clothing.

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