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## Food Bank partners with Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation

When: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30AM

Where: 1 N Linden Street, Duquesne

What: Godfrey Bethea (he/him) of the Food Bank and Sarah Rosso (they/she) of the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation meet to discuss food insecurity in the LGBTQ+ community for the Food Bank's Food Justice is Social Justice initiative

**Duquesne, PA (June 15, 2021)** As part of its Food Justice is Social Justice initiative/campaign, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) is partnering with the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation for pride month.

According to the Williams Institute, in 2018 food insecurity among LGBTQ+ adults was more than double the national food insecurity rate. Serving the LGBTQ+ community within the Food Bank's service area is critical the Food Bank's mission. **The Food Bank is proud to have Sarah Rosso, Executive Director of the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation, visit the warehouse and takeover the Food Bank's social media accounts and website on June 17, 2021.**

"We are grateful for the work of the Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation and are delighted to partner with them today for this Food Justice is Social Justice takeover," said Lisa Scales, president and CEO of the Food Bank.

The Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation was founded in 2017 with the intent to improve the health and well-being of the Western Pennsylvanian LGBTQ+ and HIV-positive communities. The organization intends to eradicate the bias associated with belonging to these communities. The organization provides a wide variety services, including food assistance through their kitchen (Hugh's Kitchen) and legal aid.

“Hugh’s Kitchen provides free at-home contactless grocery delivery as well as pick up service at our office. To date we’ve served over 4,000 homes and families so far. We care about making sure there is food on your table and making that process as easy as possible,” said Executive Director of The Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation Sarah Rosso.

They also offer training services to other organizations in order to improve their capacity to serve LGBTQ+ clients and staff.

For more information on FJISJ contact Christa Johnson.

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About Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that distributes more than 40 million meals annually across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania through a network of agencies, partners and programs. The Food Bank was founded in 1980 and is a member of Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the U.S. For more information on hunger in our region or how to get involved, visit [pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org).