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Wyoming First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative names new Regional Director in the Big Horn Basin

CHEYENNE, WYO — First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative named Debbie Kelly as the new regional director for the north region defined as Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie counties. Regional Directors build and connect networks of local anti-hunger organizations and create a platform for communication of innovative ideas to solve food insecurity.

There are grassroots efforts in every Wyoming county dedicated to reducing hunger and combating food insecurity. Instead of reinventing the wheel, Wyoming Hunger Initiative was launched to work to prevent food insecurity by increasing awareness and support for the work of local anti-hunger organizations statewide.

Debbie Kelly, the Cent\$ible Nutrition Educator in Park and Big Horn counties, has been instrumental in executing the Wyoming Hunger Initiative mission for quite some time prior to being named a Regional Director. She worked with the local Food from the Field processor, Wapiti Valley Meats, to deliver game meat to local anti-hunger organizations as well as was essential in encouraging local communities to grow a little extra to donate much needed produce to the food pantry system.

"Regional Directors were chosen to represent a region based on their awareness of food insecurity or role within their community that is directly related to food insecurity," said First Lady Jennie Gordon. "Debbie is an excellent addition to our team as she is passionate about this work and is committed to the fight against food insecurity in Wyoming."

Debbie will replace Dr. Caitlin Youngquist of Worland who served in this capacity for nearly three years prior to leaving her position with University of Wyoming Extension earlier this year.

About Wyoming Hunger Initiative

Wyoming Hunger Initiative is the official initiative of Wyoming's First Lady Jennie Gordon and is governed by the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Visit www.nohungerwyo.org to learn more about Wyoming Hunger Initiative.

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