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**For Immediate Release:**

**WINNIPEG HARVEST ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WINNIPEG, January 3, 2018 — The Winnipeg Harvest Board of Directors is pleased to announce Keren Taylor Hughes as the organization’s long-term Executive Director, effective January 2, 2018.

Keren brings to the role a lifelong passion for ensuring that the most vulnerable in our community are respected and supported, along with extensive work experience from across North America and strong academic credentials. Keren began her career in Winnipeg with Child and Family Services, and over the past 30 years has built an exceptional track record of leading organizations, helping them to achieve greater impact.

“I am excited to be leading such a passionate and dedicated team at Winnipeg Harvest”, shared Keren Taylor-Hughes. “The fight against hunger and poverty must be relentless, and together with the ongoing support of generous and caring Manitobans, we will continue to strive to meet the growing needs of those in our community”.

“After conducting a nation-wide search and extensive interview process, we’re thrilled to have Keren join our team, filling the key leadership role of Executive Director”, said Gail Loewen, Board President, Winnipeg Harvest. Following the retirement of David Northcott, the Board took the time necessary to consider the future needs of the organization and set out a plan for the Executive Director search. The Board also expressed appreciation to Kate Brenner, who stepped in as Interim Executive Director during the transition period.

For more than 30 years, Winnipeg Harvest has played a vitally important role, bringing a voice to hunger, and leading the community in its support of those in need across our province. Each month Winnipeg Harvest provides emergency food assistance to nearly 64,000 people across Manitoba.

**About Winnipeg Harvest:**

Winnipeg Harvest is a not-for-profit food distribution and training centre. Winnipeg Harvest collects and distributes more than 12 million pounds (5.5 million kilograms) of food to more than 400 food distribution agencies in Winnipeg and across the province. These food distribution agencies include food banks, daycares, seniors’ residences, youth organizations, immigrant support agencies, soup agencies, mission and meal/snack programs.

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