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The Food Trust Appoints Three New Members to Board of Directors, Including Leaders at Merck and PeopleShare

PHILADELPHIA, PA – The Food Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors this year (pictured, left to right):

- **Anthony Antonelli**, Executive Director, HCP Portfolio Strategy – US Oncology, Merck
- **Seema Betigeri**, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs, Merck
- **Dave Donald**, Co-Founder, PeopleShare



“Our Board of Directors is critical in advancing our goal of providing access, affordability, and education for healthy food for all,” says **Mark Edwards**, President & CEO of The Food Trust. “We are proud to welcome three highly skilled board members this year, whose respective knowledge will bring valuable insights to the organization to continue to make that mission possible.”

Anthony Antonelli is the Executive Director for the Portfolio Marketing Organization in the oncology business unit at Merck. Anthony has more than 24 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry as a marketing and sales leader. Prior to his time at Merck, Anthony held roles in marketing and sales at GSK and Bristol-Myers Squibb. Outside of his professional life, Anthony has volunteered for various organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and Coast-to-Coast for Cancer.

Seema Betigeri is the Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs at Merck, overseeing teams in Regulatory Oncology. Seema previously held roles at Novartis and Bristol-Myers Squibb and has over 25 years of experience in drug development and management of global regulatory strategy. Seema is deeply committed to promoting health and well-being, advancing equity, and addressing food and housing insecurity.

Dave Donald is the co-founder of PeopleShare, a staffing company specializing in clerical, light industrial, and financial staffing. Since its establishment in 2005, PeopleShare has become one of the top 100 largest staffing companies with more than 30 offices on the East Coast and operations in over 40 states. Additionally, Dave serves on the advisory board for Temple's Graduate Fox Business School.

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About The Food Trust

Founded in 1992, The Food Trust works with neighborhoods, institutions, retailers, farmers and policymakers across the country to ensure delicious, nutritious food for all. Backed by three decades of research and evaluation, our holistic, community-centered approach to nutrition security weaves together three core programming elements — access, affordability and education — as well as a focus on advocating for public policy solutions. Today, The Food Trust works with partners across the country to develop and implement Healthy Food Financing Programs that offer financing and technical support to grocery stores and other healthy food retail in under-resourced neighborhoods. Learn more at www.thefoodtrust.org.