

Cheryl Schondek, Senior Vice President

Cheryl Schondek is the senior vice president of food acquisition, supply chain and volunteers at The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), overseeing the acquisition and distribution of all food, as well as managing the food procurement, warehouse, building, facilities, transportation teams and the volunteer work force. Since joining GBFB seven years ago, she and her team have grown GBFB's food acquisition and increased the volume of fresh food for clients in eastern Massachusetts.

Prior to her decision to join GBFB in 2014, Schondek had a successful career at Shaw's/Star Markets Grocery Stores for more than 25 years, managing perishable, nonperishable, private brands, and product management departments. Schondek has received numerous recognitions for her many accomplishments throughout her tenure in food retail and was chosen as the Griffin Report Women of Influence in 2010, 2015 and again in 2020 for the work that she has done in the food industry and at GBFB.

Schondek is active in the food industry, chairing the GBFB Food Industry Council. She is an executive board member of the New England Food Foundation, serving as President, and the New England Region of the Network of Executive Women and a founding member of the New England Produce Council. Cheryl was a member of the Supervalu Corporate Diversity and Inclusion Board and was the president of the Shaw's Affinity Group – MESA, founded on Mentoring, Encouraging, Supporting and Achieving. Recently, she joined the Board of Directors for Hope and Comfort, a local nonprofit with a mission to supply health and personal care items to families in need. Along with degrees from the University of Vermont and Bridgewater State University, Cheryl has completed course work in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Executive Supply Chain & Strategic Management certificate sessions and has a certificate in produce management from Cornell University.

She resides in Raynham, Massachusetts with her husband, Peter, who teaches 8th grade math in a public school and they have two lovely daughters, Angela, a graduate of Smith College and Boston College and Christine, a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a graduate student at Pepperdine University. She and her husband Peter are very active in their local community via participation in town government, volunteer work in elementary schools, local churches and coaching local sports.



