

Melissa Sobolik is the Chief Executive Officer of the Great Plains Food Bank, North Dakota's only food bank. She grew up on a farm near Courtenay, ND and earned her BA in political science from Concordia College.

A veteran of hunger-relief, Melissa began her work with the Great Plains Food Bank in 2007 working with programs and agency relations and helped launch some of the organization's most effective programs. She previously served as director of the Ending Hunger 2.0 initiative, which focuses on long-term solutions and prevention to food insecurity, then as president until being named CEO in July 2021.

A former SNAP recipient herself, she was also elected to the Fargo City Commission, served as the Development Director for the Plains Art Museum, worked in a rural think tank and served on many non-profit boards.

She, her husband Jeremy and their Golden Retriever, Gracie, make their home in West Fargo.