



Jennifer Gilmore
CEO, Kitchens for Good

Throughout her career, Jennifer Gilmore has looked at food as a catalyst for building bridges across diverse communities. As CEO of Kitchens for Good, Gilmore tackles hunger and poverty by bringing together two of the San Diego region’s most overlooked resources, food that would usually go to waste and individuals labeled as, “unemployable.”

Under Gilmore’s leadership, Kitchens for Good has become the go-to-source for culinary talent in the San Diego region and has helped hundreds of individuals gain employment. Moreover, 86% of KFG graduates have remained employed and received a raise and promotion 18 months after graduation.

By 2022, KFG will have expanded into two additional kitchens and launched two new apprenticeship programs; baking and hospitality management, and grown its enterprise revenue to account for at least 50% of its operating budget.

Before joining Kitchens for Good, Gilmore spent more than two decades in food banking. In 2007, she was recruited to oversee the establishment and strategic growth of Feeding San Diego. During her tenure there as Executive Director, the organization’s food distribution and philanthropic revenue increased more than 600%.

Jennifer is a member of the San Diego Hunger Coalition’s Advisory Board and has been the recipient of several awards including the 2013 Tribute to Women in Industry Visionary Award and most recently the 2020 James Irvine Leadership Award.

She holds an MPA from the Eller School of Business at the University of Arizona.