During the Great Depression, The Leavitt Corporation began producing Teddie Peanut Butter as an affordable source of protein. When Mark’s father, James Hintlian, joined the company following World War II, James further expanded Leavitt’s commitment to quality and positioned the Teddie brand as a household staple. Mark succeeded his father James T. Hintlian in 2007 and now honorably leads The Leavitt Corporation as the third generation Hintlian family member, working alongside his Teddie Family made up of siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and an incredible team of 100+ dedicated associates. On November 7, 2018, Massachusetts Manufacturing Caucus named Teddie Peanut Butter a 2018 Manufacturer of the Year and one week later, November 15th, the Celtics announced an official partnership with Teddie. Mark is an icon in the Food Industry and has been responsible for establishing many manufacturing standards. Teddie is not only sold and distributed locally but is known globally.

Mark has been an active member of the GBFB’s Food Industry Council for over 10 years. Last March, Mark chaired the Spring for Meals Campaign raising over $1M to purchase produce. He is seen at “FreshFest” annually, Women Fighting Hunger and many other GBFB events. Mark joined the Board of Directors in 2019. In addition to all the work Mark does for the food industry, Mark enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Mary, and makes time for his five children and three wonderful grandchildren.