



## **Mark DeMichaelis**

**Member, Board of Directors**

Chair, Food Industry Committee

Member, Executive Committee

Member, Governance and Nominating Committee

Mark DeMichaelis is the President and CEO of State Garden Inc., a fourth-generation pre-washed salad company and produce distribution business that supplies fresh produce throughout the entire eastern seaboard, from Maine to Puerto Rico and as far west as Chicago. In 2006, Mark developed and launched the Olivia's Organics Brand which quickly became the fastest growing salad brand in the country. State Garden's cutting-edge processing facility located in Chelsea, MA employs hundreds of people with a supplier base which includes farms in 30 US states.

In concert with the launch of the Olivia's Organics brand, Mark launched the Olivia's Organics Children's Foundation in 2006 to support community-based charitable programs. Olivia's is deeply committed to making this world a better place for future generations through investment in local communities. With every Olivia's purchase, a portion of proceeds goes to fund the Foundation to support many local organizations, including GBFB.

Mark has served on the board of the International Fresh Cut Produce Association. He is currently a member of the UVM Grossman School of Business Board of Advisors and the Chair of the Greater Boston Food Bank's Food Industry Council. He has received numerous accolades for his involvement in the industry, State Garden was awarded the 2012 GBFB Food Donor of the Year, and Mark was Produce Business Magazine's 2012 Person of the Year.

Mark's daughter Olivia was honored with the GBFB's Women Fighting Hunger award in 2018. He presents nationally and serves on multidisciplinary think tanks on food development innovation and advancements that impact the food industry globally. Mark joined GBFB's Board of Directors in 2019.