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## News Release

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### Meet Your Columbia Valley Food & Farm Coordinator!

COLUMBIA VALLEY, B.C.: The Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce (CVCC) and Columbia Valley Food & Farm (CVF+F) are thrilled to announce that Chelsea Girimonte has been hired as the Columbia Valley Food & Farm Coordinator. This position has been made possible by growing an existing partnership between these organizations and with additional funding support through WorkBC's Wage Subsidy Program.

In this newly created role, Chelsea will be responsible for coordinating communication and outreach, hosting educational events, growing a membership base for CVF+F, partnering across organizations to develop sustainable food system solutions, and promoting locally grown and made products in the Valley.

Chelsea brings with her a graduate degree in Sustainability Education, over four-years' experience in learning program delivery and development, and several seasons outside on diversified, naturally-grown vegetable and animal farms in Washington and Oregon. "There are so many great local food and farm initiatives in the Columbia Valley! It's a privilege to be a part of the team working to help grow these initiatives for a sustainable, equitable food system for our year-round communities and seasonal visitors," says Chelsea.

"Columbia Valley Food and Farm has been growing steadily in our work to build a thriving local food system and we are excited to continue growing with the extensive knowledge of local food systems that Chelsea Girimonte brings to our organization. We are also excited to be joining this innovative partnership with the CV Chamber," shared Alison Bell, Chair of CVF+F. "We are thrilled to welcome Chelsea to the team and to see what wonderful ideas she will bring to this incredibly important sector for our region," said Pete Bourke, Executive Director of the CVCC.

Chelsea hopes to see you at an upcoming market and welcomes any questions or ideas you may have via email at [foodandfarm@cvchamber.ca](mailto:foodandfarm@cvchamber.ca). For media inquiries, please contact me through the options shown below.

Yours in business,

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