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Community Foundation Announces Leadership Transition

Grand Haven, MI - The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) announced today that the Board of Trustees recently accepted Holly Johnson's resignation from her position as President at the GHACF.

"While we are sad to see Holly go, we are pleased that she will be staying engaged with the philanthropic sector," said Tammy Bailey, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Johnson has accepted the position of President at the Frey Foundation in Grand Rapids.

"It has been a privilege to work alongside our Board and Team at the GHACF. I am proud of the outstanding work that we have done together to care for our community. While I am excited about my new opportunity, I will deeply miss leading my hometown Community Foundation," said Johnson.

Holly's career at the GHACF has spanned 11 years, and her almost six as President have been very important years for the organization. Under Holly's leadership, the Foundation's assets have nearly doubled, she has seated a new team, expanded the office space, and continued the tradition of impactful community grants. Large community projects, such as Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium and Housing Next, have come to fruition under her leadership.

Holly will remain in her role in Grand Haven until August 3rd. In the coming weeks, the GHACF will officially launch a search to fill Holly's position.

“The team at the GHACF is strong and talented,” said Randy Hansen, Vice-Chair, GHACF Board of Trustees. “We have dedicated and generous donors, we are in a very solid financial position, and we have spent the past six months envisioning our 3-5-year strategic plan and goals. The GHACF is well positioned for success now and into the future.”

To stay up to date on the Board’s search for Holly’s successor, please visit www.ghacf.org and subscribe to the GHACF newsletter.

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a charitable organization that has been serving the Tri-Cities community since 1971. It exists to encourage philanthropic gifts from individuals, families, companies and organizations, and serves as a steward of charitable funds and legacies. The Foundation offers support to nonprofits, convenes leaders on issues of importance, and engages in advocacy work that impacts the nonprofit sector. The Foundation is the 7th largest community foundation in Michigan and is regularly recognized in the Top 100 Community Foundations in the nation. For more information, visit ghacf.org.

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Photo: Holly Johnson headshot