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Community Foundation Announces New Trustee

The Board of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) has welcomed Natalia Kovicak to the Board of Trustees. Chad D. Bush completed his term.

Originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Kovicak has been in West Michigan for 23 years and currently resides in Spring Lake with her family. She is the President of The Economic Club of Grand Rapids, a nonprofit organization for people interested in and contributing to the growing economic health of the Grand Rapids metropolitan area. Prior to her current role at The Economic Club, Kovicak served as the Vice President of Conferences and Events at The Right Place, Inc. – a regional economic development organization in Grand Rapids, Michigan – for 12 years. She also serves on the Board of Directors at the Grand Rapids Symphony and volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House. Kovicak is excited to begin her journey as a Trustee at the Grand Haven Community Foundation to enhance the quality of life for all and positively impact the West Michigan community.

Bush has served the GHACF as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2014 and became Chair in 2020. He has also previously served in several Executive Committee roles and has offered his insight on several committees throughout his tenure (Investment, Grants & Program, Governance, Audit). Bush's financial skills and consistent commitment to the board over the past several years have been an invaluable asset to the Foundation and to our community.

“Reflecting on my time at the GHACF, I find that I learned more than I gave,” said Bush. “I learned that the foundation is very well run and financially stable, that the programs funding scholarships and need are thoughtfully distributed, and that the foundation is truly representative of the community.”

Bush continued, “After seven years serving with this organization, I can say this: Get Involved. Getting involved leads to another level of understanding and commitment to positive change in our community. The foundation is made up of fantastic people, both on staff and on the Board, with no shortage of intelligence, engagement, and laughter. The culture of the foundation is that of the community, which is why we live here. The 50th Anniversary marks a generational milestone for the philanthropic effort in this community that is truly amazing.”

ABOUT THE GHACF

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. GHACF is regularly recognized as a top 100 Community Foundation in the nation and is the 9th largest community foundation in the State of Michigan. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, corporations, and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to awarding grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector. For more information visit ghacf.org.

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