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Coopersville Area Community Foundation Announces New Director

COOPERSVILLE, Mich. — May 17, 2022: The Coopersville Area Community Foundation (CACF) has announced the appointment of Catherine Gage as its next Director, effective May 17, 2022. In this role, Gage will direct fund development, marketing, communications, and grantmaking efforts within the Coopersville community, as well as support the CACF Advisory Board.

“We are pleased to have Catherine joining us at the CACF,” said Marty Alexander, incoming Advisory Board Chair. “Based on her experience and our interactions throughout the interview process, I am confident that she will direct our team in service, helping us continue our positive impact in the community.”

Prior to starting with the CACF, Gage held various positions that made significant impact in West Michigan. Most recently, she served as the Resource Development & Independent Living Specialist at Disability Associates in Grand Rapids. She has a strong background in fundraising, grant writing, event planning, and has served on multiple nonprofit boards.

“It is an honor to be selected to serve as the next Director of the CACF,” Gage said. “I am excited to work with the Advisory Board, staff at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF), and leaders and members of the greater Coopersville community to continue the Foundation’s great impact.”

Gage also has experience working as the Children’s Librarian at Patmos Library in Jamestown and as the Children’s Librarian Assistant at Gary Byker Memorial Library in Hudsonville. Prior to that experience, she spent several years teaching K-10th grade. Gage also served as a board member for the Grand Rapids Food Cooperative Initiative and Nourishing Ways of West Michigan. She has a Bachelor of Science in History and Group Social Science from Western Michigan University.

The CACF is an affiliate of the GHACF. Gage was selected via a competitive process conducted by a committee that included CACF Advisory Board Members and GHACF staff.

About The Coopersville Area Community Foundation

The Coopersville Area Community Foundation is a geographic affiliate of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. The GHACF is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. The GHACF is regularly recognized as a top 100 community foundation in the nation and is the eighth largest community foundation in 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, GHACF 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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