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Change Brings Opportunity For Douglas County Community Foundation

Foundation Relaunch Yields Significant Accomplishments

Douglas County, Colo. – It is an exciting time for Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF), as we welcome Kirsten Swanson as our new Director of Development.

Swanson most recently worked as the Advisor Relations Officer for The Denver Foundation and has had a long career in the nonprofit sector across multiple states. She is a proud graduate of Columbia University's M.S. Nonprofit Management program, has written for *Nonprofit Quarterly*, and helped launch her family's own private foundation serving youth in Alaska. Swanson specializes in development and strategic planning and enjoys building relationships that result in meaningful and impactful change.

"I am excited to be joining DCCF at such a pivotal time in the organization," said Swanson. "Development, when done right, is very ingrained in all verticals – from marketing and communications, to impact and governance. I look forward to helping DCCF reach that next level."

After successfully guiding the Foundation's relaunch three years ago with a new Board of Directors (BOD), Executive Director Mike Waid leaves DCCF to pursue a new direction in his career. During his tenure, Waid assisted the BOD with implementing new grant processes, increasing brand visibility, establishing legacy fundraising events, and instituting a financial structure and strategic plan that allows for ongoing success and sustainability for the future. Waid joins DCCF in celebrating these accomplishments during his time with the Foundation:

- Awarding 184 individual grants to Douglas County nonprofit organizations, totaling \$688,400 in giving
- Raising more than \$5.2 million for Douglas County nonprofits during Colorado Gives Day the last three years
- Being entrusted with more than \$1.5 million in private, corporate and government contributions
- Establishing and subsequently raising \$263,000 for a dedicated Community Emergency Relief Fund endowment

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“We wish Mike the best in his new endeavors and express our gratitude for his contributions during his time with the Foundation,” said DCCF Chair Tera Radloff. “While we work as a team on an intentional and effective transition plan moving forward, we have confidence that our organization has everything it needs to advance the Foundation's vision and mission as we continue to uphold our commitment to the Douglas County community.”

Please direct all DCCF inquiries to Kirsten@dccf.org.

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About Douglas County Community Foundation

[Douglas County Community Foundation](http://www.dccf.org) (DCCF) provides leadership and responsible stewardship of philanthropic resources to enrich the lives of every resident in Douglas County. DCCF is committed to responsibly managing philanthropic contributions, maintaining agile funds for emergencies, inspiring generosity, and providing support to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs within our community.