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New Year Brings Exciting Changes to Douglas County Community Foundation

Foundation Board and Staff Intend to Build on Significant Accomplishments

Douglas County, Colo. – The Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) is excited to announce the appointment of Kirsten Swanson as the new Executive Director and welcome Monica Wasden as the Director of Operations.

Swanson began her career with DCCF in May 2024 as the Director of Development, and within a few months was named Interim Executive Director during the Foundation’s candidate search for the top executive position. As the Executive Director, Swanson is responsible for leading and advancing the organization’s vision, strategic initiatives and priorities and serves as the lead fundraiser to build a perpetual endowment for granting and meeting financial and operational goals to sustain the organization. Swanson specializes in development and strategic planning and enjoys building relationships that result in meaningful and impactful change.

As the Director of Operations, Wasden is responsible for all internal operational and administrative functions and has organizational, administrative and program authority as deemed appropriate by the DCCF Board of Directors for the effective pursuit and achievement of DCCF’s mission. Wasden has prior experience in operations and project management at a variety of companies and holds several credentials in project management for foundations. She has been a resident of Douglas County for 30 years and volunteered for several nonprofits in the community, including currently as the Board President for the Highlands Ranch Community Association, on the executive committee of the Douglas County EDC and as Board Chair of the Douglas County EDC Chamber. Previously Wasden was involved in starting various nonprofits in Douglas County, such as the Highlands Ranch Chamber, Public Safety Advisory Committee for the Douglas County Sheriff and the Douglas County Fair Foundation.

“This is an exciting time of positive change and growth for the Foundation,” said DCCF Chair Tera Radloff. “Under the exceptional leadership of Kirsten, along with the experienced operational skills of Monica, we are in an ideal position to advance the Foundation’s vision and mission as we continue to uphold our commitment to the Douglas County community.”

Since its relaunch in 2021 – in partnership with Douglas County Government – DCCF has realized significant accomplishments, including implementing a transparent and consistent grant process, establishing legacy fundraising events and a dedicated long-term endowment structure, including the Community Emergency Relief Fund, administering the Philip S. Miller funds on behalf of Douglas County, and instituting a strategic plan that allowed for sustainable success.

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About Douglas County Community Foundation

Douglas County Community Foundation's (DCCF) mission is to provide leadership and responsible stewardship of philanthropic resources to strengthen our community and enrich the lives of every resident in Douglas County. DCCF is committed to responsibly manage philanthropic contributions, maintain agile funds and serve as a conduit in emergencies, inspire local giving, and provide resources and support to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs within our community.