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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

- **Archstone Foundation** (Long Beach, CA) announced nearly \$2 million in grants to 16 California-based organizations that support the needs of the state's aging population. Among the grantees are: **Brentwood Biomedical Research Institute** (Los Angeles) – \$200,000 to support **Incorporating Spiritual Care into Palliative Care**, which seeks to improve spiritual care for veterans with advanced illness at the Veterans Administration Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System; **Cedars-Sinai Medical Center** (Los Angeles) – \$200,000 to maximize contributions of the chaplaincy and palliative care teams and enhance the spiritual care and well-being of palliative care patients and their families; **California Dental Association Foundation** (Sacramento) – \$51,425 for its **Senior Oral Health Training in Long-Term Care Facilities** project, which will train dental hygienists who will train and mentor staff at nursing homes in Los Angeles County; and **Alzheimer's Family Services Center** (Huntington Beach) – \$10,000 to support the **JumpStart Program**, which seeks to empower individuals who are experiencing early memory loss. For a complete list of grantees and for more information, visit www.archstone.org.
- **The Atlantic Philanthropies** (New York, NY) has awarded a three-year grant for more than \$1.4 million to **PHI** (Bronx, NY) to strengthen its overall capacity and to support federal and state policy work toward improving the quality of elder care and disability services. In

addition, the funding will help PHI sustain its capacity, diversify its income streams, and conduct direct policy advocacy on behalf of direct care workers and the people they serve as the nation's political landscape evolves. Contact: Deane Beebe, 718.928.2033; dbeebe@phinational.org.

- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana** (Baton Rouge) joined forces with the **New Orleans Hornets** (LA), and **Ochsner** (New Orleans, LA) to launch **BEE-Fit Challenge**, a pilot program to promote health, physical activity, fitness, and enjoyment for Jefferson Parish school district students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The BEE-Fit Challenge will reach approximately 24,000 students and educate them about the importance of physical fitness and healthy nutrition in an effort to fight childhood obesity and encourage students to be fit for life. The program will further the foundation's efforts to fight childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.bcbsla.com.
- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation** (Eagan) awarded \$275,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations statewide in support of projects that address the health of young children by focusing on early childhood development, affordable housing, the environment, and healthy eating. Among the grantees are: **Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy** (Minneapolis) – \$100,000 in support of the **Healthy Legacy** campaign, which raises awareness about the dangers of children's exposure to toxic chemicals; **Bagley Public School** (Clearwater County) – \$25,000 to improve the health and development of young children and their

GIHNEWS

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 22 FOR THE GIH FALL FORUM

There is still time to register for the GIH Fall Forum *Improving Women's Health from Communities to Care Settings*. We hope to see you in Washington, DC.

ANN MCMILLAN AND ANNA SPENCER JOIN GIH STAFF

GIH is pleased to announce the addition of Ann McMillan and Anna C. Spencer to the staff.

Program Associate Ann McMillan works on issues related to health reform, aging, and integrative medicine. Prior to joining GIH, Ms. McMillan was a program associate at the Michigan Public Health Institute where she served as project coordinator for *Covering Michigan's Kids and Families*.

Anna Spencer joins the GIH team as a senior program associate and is working on several issue areas, including health reform and children's health care access. Prior to joining GIH, Ms. Spencer worked as program manager with the Forum for State Health Policy Leadership at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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families, with a focus on nutrition in two early childhood programs; and **Greater Mankato Area United Way** (Blue Earth and Nicollet counties) – \$25,000 for the **First Steps Collaborative**, a cross-agency home visiting program for first-time, at-risk parents, offering education on early childhood development and healthy home environments. Contact: Julie Lee, 651.662.6574.

- **CareFirst BlueCross and BlueShield** (Owings Mills, MD) awarded \$230,000 to **Unity Health Care** (Washington, DC) to purchase a mobile medical outreach vehicle. The 34-foot mobile office is fully equipped with an exam room; two private offices for social work, medical interviews, or other services; storage space; and Wi-fi capability for electronic medical records accessibility. Unity has been providing services to District residents for more than 25 years. The new vehicle will provide a full range of services such as primary medical care, substance abuse assessments and prevention education, HIV/AIDS rapid testing and counseling, glucose screening, referrals to specialty care, and linkages into one of Unity's medical homes for ongoing medical services. For more information, visit www.carefirst.com and click on the "Media" tab.

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation (New York, NY) announced a new funding opportunity as an intermediary grantmaker for the Social Innovation Fund (SIF). The foundation will grant \$10 million in SIF funds and \$10 million in matching funds from their endowment to 8 to 10 high-performing, youth-serving nonprofits in 2011. These grants, which will generally be multiyear and for a minimum of \$2 million annually, will provide upfront growth capital to help recipients build their evidence base and organizational capacity to prepare for greater public and private investment that can propel them to scale and sustainability. The foundation's goal is to expand the pool of organizations with proven programs that can help low-income young people – especially those at greatest risk of failing or dropping out of school, of not finding work, and/or of becoming involved in the foster care or juvenile justice system –

make the transition to productive adulthood. Intent to Apply Notices are due October 25, 2010. The application deadline is November 1, 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.emcf.org/grantee-portfolio/emcf-and-the-sif-opportunity/>.

- **The Cleveland Foundation** (OH) made investments totaling \$500,000 in two Cleveland-based organizations that address health and aging concerns in greater Cleveland. This funding is part of \$1.4 million the foundation awarded in its most recent funding cycle. The foundation's \$300,000 low-interest loan to **Neighborhood Family Practice** (Cleveland) will allow the clinic to implement an electronic medical record system for its largely uninsured patient population on Cleveland's West Side. **The Fairhill Center for Aging** received a \$200,000 grant for the first phase of its **Kinship Village** intergenerational housing project, which will accommodate and provide vital services for up to 30 families in which grandparents or other older adults are raising children. For a complete list of grantees, visit www.clevelandfn.org. Contact: Jennifer Cimperman, 216.615.7591, jcimperman@clevelandfn.org.
- **The Colorado Trust** (Denver, CO) awarded \$250,000 in honor of its 25th anniversary. Ten organizations will receive a \$25,000 grant to continue their collaborative efforts to ensure the provision of health coverage and care to children. Among the grantees are: **Bright Futures for Early Childhood** (Telluride), which works together with local health care providers in four counties, school based-health systems, and other entities to coordinate and provide primary, mental, and dental health care to children, and to increase immunizations and health insurance enrollment; **Colorado Medical Home Initiative** (Denver), which brings together agencies, families, hospitals, organizations, and policymakers that collectively strive to ensure that Colorado children receive comprehensive coordinated health care services within a medical home; and **Family Medicine Center** (Ft. Collins), which partners with local obstetricians and a local hospital to provide prenatal care to low-income or uninsured patients, prescription assistance, behav-

ioral and mental health services, and other services. Contact: Christine McElhinney, 303.539.3147, christie@coloradotrue.org.

- **Connecticut Health Foundation** (New Britain) announced a six-year, \$5.4 million commitment to continue addressing the oral health needs of the state's most vulnerable populations. This new initiative will focus on prevention and treatment that include pregnant women and their children from birth to age five. It seeks to improve the oral health of children from low-income families by supporting the incorporation of oral health at every point where children and their families intersect with health care, human service, and education systems. This year's investment will fund selected organizations researching factors that affect the uptake of oral health care among low-income pregnant women, identifying the most promising oral health promotion strategies and programs, and developing and implementing systems of care to incorporate the new learning into oral health promotion strategies. Contact: Maryland Grier, 860.224.2200, ext. 32, maryland@cthealth.org.
- **DentaQuest Foundation** (Boston, MA) awarded \$149,000 to the **Society of Teachers of Family Medicine's** (Leawood, KS) **Group on Oral Health** to develop the third edition of *Smiles for Life*, the nation's only comprehensive oral health curriculum. *Smiles for Life* was initially developed in 2005 to provide educational resources to enhance the role of physicians training in family medicine residency programs in the promotion of oral health. A second edition, released in July 2008, added modules on fluoride varnish and oral health in pregnancy; its focus was expanded to include all primary care clinicians, including physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners. The current edition continues the broad focus on all primary care clinicians, while adding opportunities for individual learners through interactive on-line learning. Contact: Kristina Coppola, 617.933.5014, kcoppola@solomonmccown.com.
- **The John A. Hartford Foundation** (New York, NY) approved a four-year

renewal grant to the **Association of Specialty Professors (ASP)** (Washington, DC), the **Association of Professors of Medicine** (Washington, DC), and the **Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine** (Washington, DC) to continue to increase competence in the care of older adults among physicians in the specialties of internal medicine. The grant provides support for three additional research agenda-setting meetings sponsored by ASP; support for leadership training, networking, and mentorship opportunities for both active and alumni T. Franklin Williams Scholars; and continuing encouragement of the specialty societies to address aging issues. Contact: Francisco Doll, 212.832.7788, francisco.doll@jhartfound.org.

■ **Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation** (New York, NY) and **The Institute on Medicine as a Profession** (New York, NY) have created a new initiative to provide five awards annually to educational programs in medical professionalism. The initiative will support programs that will instill the principles of professionalism in medical students and residents who represent the next generation of physicians. Grants for \$50,000 over two years will be awarded to faculty members at accredited medical schools, hospitals, or health care systems, as well as persons who are participating in approved residency programs. Contact Leah Aronowsky, 212.305.1616, la2438@columbia.edu.

■ **Mat-Su Health Foundation** (Wasilla, AK) announced the recipients of its **Healthy Impact** grants. Sixteen organizations received funding to support projects that help build opportunities for a healthy life in Alaska's Mat-Su region. **Nugen's Ranch** (Wasilla, AK) will receive \$1 million over three years to help construct a long-term residential treatment facility at Point McKenzie. The facility will house 32 clients needing rehabilitation, residential treatment, education, and advocacy services for their chronic substance abuse. The foundation also authorized a \$500,000 grant to **Sunshine Community Health Center** over two years for the construction of a new permanent primary care clinic in Willow. This satellite center will offer

comprehensive patient care, including mental health, dental care, and digital radiology services, to Willow's growing population, and provide access to health care for the uninsured and underinsured via a sliding fee scale. For more information and a complete list of grantees, visit www.matsuhealthfoundation.org and select "News."

■ **Ronald McDonald House Charities** (Oak Brook, IL) awarded more than \$1.1 million in grants to six international nonprofit organizations. Among the grantees are: **United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago** (IL) – \$366,912 to benefit 16,000 children in Georgia and 9,500 children in Minnesota by providing teaching resources for children with specialized learning needs; **IVUmed** (Salt Lake City, UT) – \$100,000 to make quality urological care available to people worldwide by providing medical and surgical training; and **Women's Equity in Access to Care and Treatment (WE-ACTx)** (Rwanda) – \$253,600 for a pediatric and youth program that serves 600 children suffering from HIV/AIDS. Grant funds will be used for intensive youth-specific services, including intensive psychological therapy, peer leadership development, clinical assessments, and family-focused support groups provided in two clinic sites. Contact: Clara Carrier, 630.623.6573, clara.carrier@us.mcd.com.

■ **Paso del Norte Health Foundation** (El Paso, TX) awarded a \$15,000 grant to **The FEMAP Foundation** (El Paso, TX) in collaboration with **Salud y Desarrollo Comunitario de Cd. Juárez** (SADEC) (Ciudad Juárez, Mexico) to develop and pilot a modified form of the **Kids Excel Program** to 200 fourth-grade children from three schools in Ciudad Juárez plagued by poverty and violence. The pilot program, **Valor Arte**, will be devoted to the empowerment of children through physically challenging artistic activities. Based on the Education with Art program launched by the New York National Dance Institute and strong results from 23 elementary schools involved in the El Paso Kids Excel Program, SADEC will utilize successful curriculum activities and embrace the culture of the region. The program

will encourage students to be active, assertive, and creative thinkers; learn self control and respect for diversity; and have the desire to learn. Contact: Ida Ortegon, 915.544.7636, iortegon@pdnhf.org.

■ **The SCAN Foundation** (Long Beach, CA) has released six fact sheets that provide basic information on important issues relevant to long-term care. The fact sheets are as follows: *Demographic & Economic Characteristics of an Aging Population, Who Needs and Who Uses Long-Term Care?, Growing Demand for Long-Term Care, Where Is Long-Term Care Provided?, Who Provides Long-Term Care?, and Who Pays for Long-Term Care?*. The user-friendly documents compile national figures that frame critical issues in long-term care. The foundation will update each fact sheet as more current information is available. For more information, visit www.thescanfoundation.org and select "Foundation Publications." Contact: Bruce Chernof, 562.308.3608, bchernof@thescanfoundation.org.

■ **Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina** (Columbia) has awarded 11 **Collaboration for Ministry** (CMI) grants totaling \$97,500 to Catholic Sister-affiliated programs across South Carolina. The CMI grants were established to support congregations in their efforts with the poor and underserved across the state. Among the grantees are: **Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church** (Columbia) – \$10,000 for the **Helping Families Cope** program, which provides short-term relief from caregiving responsibilities to persons caring at home for functionally dependent adults, as well as opportunities for participants to engage in a program of socialization and activities in a safe and supportive setting; **Clean Start** (Anderson) – \$5,000 to provide basic hygiene assistance and connections to social services for homeless individuals; **St. Ann Catholic Outreach Center** (Williamsburg) – \$3,000 to support the **Staying Healthy** program, which provides low-income or no income persons with eye care, dental care, and prescription assistance. Contact: Brooke Bailey, 803.254.0230, ext. 18, bbailey@sistersofcharitysc.com.

- **United Methodist Health Ministry Fund** (Hutchison, KS) and **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ) introduced a new initiative to help promote mental health and to prevent or minimize the impacts of social and emotional issues on a child's development. The pilot program is aimed at encouraging coordinated early identification and early intervention for the mental health of young children in Kansas communities. In the initial pilot phase, funders anticipate supporting two to three programs with a total investment of \$600,000. The selected grantees will have a strong evaluation component and will represent specific stakeholders that include mental health centers or mental health providers, early childhood education, primary medical care providers, faith communities, government, and consumers. Contact: Virginia Elliott, 800.369.7191, velliott@healthfund.org.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- **California HealthCare Foundation** (Oakland) has released *California's Health Care Safety Net: Facts and Figures*, a **California HealthCare Almanac** report that provides a snapshot of how implementation of federal health reform will produce fundamental transformation and reshaping of the health care safety net, dramatically expanding both Medicaid and private insurance coverage. A key assertion in the report is that in general, the safety net patient population receives less in the way of health care services than the non-safety net population (those who are insured or have incomes above 300 percent of the federal poverty level). Similarly, the safety net population is more likely to lack a usual source of care, delay needed care, and be hospitalized for an avoidable cause. Further, the report notes that the largest safety net providers are public hospitals and private nonprofit hospitals, which together provide 70 percent of inpatient and 82 percent of outpatient hospital care under Medi-Cal. The full report is available under the Publications Section of the foundation's Web site, www.chcf.org.

- **The Commonwealth Fund's** (New York, NY) new report *Health Insurance Exchanges and the Affordable Care Act: Eight Difficult Issues* explores the design and implementation of health insurance exchanges, which are a key element of the Affordable Care Act. The state-based exchanges will play a major role in enhancing Americans' access to health insurance coverage when they are fully implemented in 2014. The report examines issues that policymakers will confront as they work to implement the exchanges and provides detailed recommendations to improve affordability and access to coverage purchased through the exchanges. These include how exchanges should be set up and governed, how they can avoid adverse selection, and how to reduce administrative costs. The fund will also host a Webinar on November 4, 2010, that will address health insurance exchanges. The event will feature the report's author **Timothy Stoltzfus Jost**, professor of law at the Washington and Lee University School of Law, and other experts in the field. For more information, visit www.commonwealthfund.org and select "Publications."

- **The Nathan Cummings Foundation** (New York, NY), **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ), **Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation** (New York, NY), and other supporters have funded the making of *FIRESTORM*, a video production that addresses the role of firefighters as vital components to the health care safety net, as ambulances are increasingly turned away from emergency rooms because of overcrowding. The film's producer and director, **Julie Winokur**, captures the activities of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Station 65, located in South Los Angeles' Watts community, a neighborhood with a largely uninsured and undereducated population. The LAFD handles all emergency medical services for the city of Los Angeles where currently 82 percent of the department's work is medical rather than fire-related. The film shows the ominous and sometimes fatal consequences of the strain placed on the LAFD to provide critical services. To view the trailer, visit www.firestormmovie.com/index.html. Contact: Alyce Myatt, Grantmakers in

Film + Electronic Media, 410.675.4024, amyatt@gfem.org.

- **Maine Health Access Foundation** (MeHAF) (Augusta) funded the production of *Maine Children's Mental Health: 2010*, a new report that provides a broad overview of children's mental health in Maine. The report is part of MeHAF's **Integration Initiative**. The document highlights the importance of early childhood screening for mental and behavioral health issues prior to children beginning kindergarten, and other key data and recommendations. The report recognizes the advantages of integrating mental and behavioral health services with broader health and social services, and linking data systems to track the progress of children as they mature. For more information, visit www.mehaf.org, select "Resources," and click "Policy Briefs & Reports."

- **Missouri Foundation for Health** (St. Louis) has released the findings of a recent telephone survey measuring Missourians' attitudes toward health reform. Key findings are outlined in a report, *Views of Missouri Voters on Issues Relating to Health Care Reform*. The survey found that more than half of the respondents claim not to support the health care law; however, they indicate support of some of the law's provisions. Sixty percent of those surveyed view the affordability of health insurance as a significant issue. Further, 68 percent of respondents indicated that they were "strongly in favor" of provisions in the law for people to keep their current insurance. In addition, 62 percent reported that they strongly favored health insurance tax credits for small businesses. With regard to reform, 48 percent of respondents said they were more concerned about changing the current system too much; 29 percent said they were more concerned about keeping it as it is. For more information or a copy of the survey report, visit www.mffh.org/content/406/surveys.aspx.

ON-LINE

- **The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation** (Menlo Park, CA) has

released *Health Reform Hits Main Street*, an animated short video featuring the YouToons explaining the health reform law. The short movie has three major sections: explaining problems in the current health care system, short-term changes that will take place between now and 2014, and major provisions that will take effect in 2014. Written and produced by the foundation, the animated movie features narration by Cokie Roberts, ABC News and NPR commentator and a foundation trustee. View it on-line at <http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx>.

NIHCM Foundation (Washington, DC) convened *Effective Government and Private Sector Initiatives to Address Childhood Obesity*, a Webinar that brought together various stakeholders that interact with children and their parents, including health insurers, primary care providers, government leaders, and community organizations. The event focused on sharing innovative programs and exploring multisectoral strategies to address the childhood obesity epidemic. The Webinar was supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, **Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau** and WellPoint. Presenters included **Dr. William H. Dietz**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and **Dr. Sandra G. Hassink**, Nemours Pediatric Obesity Initiative director. The Webinar archive and additional information are available at www.nihcm.org/page/webinar_childhood_obesity.

AWARDS

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP) (Washington, DC) is accepting nominations for three honors that recognize leadership and excellence in the field of maternal and child health. AMCHP is seeking recommendations for the following awards: **John MacQueen Lecture Award**, for innovation in the field of maternal and child health; **Merle McPherson Leadership Award**, for

exemplary contributions to further family and/or professional collaboration within a state Title V Program and AMCHP; and **Vince Hutchins Leadership Award**, for leadership in promoting a society responsive to the needs of women, children, youth, and families. The nomination deadline for these awards is October 31, 2010. The awards will be presented at the **2011 AMCHP and Family Voices National Conferences** in February. For more information and the nomination guidelines for these awards, visit www.amchp.org/awards.

Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy's (EPIP) (New York, NY) national board of advisors is seeking nominations for new members. The board provides oversight of the policies, staff, and direction of this growing network and ensures that the national organization is accountable to its mission, strategies, members, and supporters. The EPIP board is an active volunteer board but does not require legal or fiduciary responsibilities from its members. EPIP is committed to engaging diverse people and perspectives in leadership positions at every level and encourages nominations from groups under-represented or under-supported in the foundation community. Nominated individuals must be dues-paying EPIP members, with a preference for those who have been active participants in the EPIP network via local chapters, national programs, or otherwise. Nomination materials must be submitted by October 31, 2010. Contact: Caroline Altman Smith, 248.502.0534, boardnominations@epip.org.

■ **Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation** (Washington, DC) announced the recipients of its **2010 Exponent Award**. The award celebrates visionary nonprofit leadership in the region and includes a \$100,000 cash award for each recipient's organization. The goal of the award program is to provide winners with the resources to boost their leadership skills and to support and sustain them at a critical moment. Among the recipients are: **Scott Schenkelberg**, executive director, **Miriam's Kitchen** (Washington, DC), a strategic thinker and trusted voice on

homelessness for media, policymakers, and funders who took the risk of expanding evening services to meet needs in a time of high economic uncertainty; and **Adam Tenner**, executive director, **Metro TeenAIDS** (Washington, DC), a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS for more than two decades who has built his nonprofit into one of the region's leading HIV/AIDS prevention, education, and advocacy organizations. Contact: Maegan Scott, 202.483.8294, mconfig@meierfdn.org.

OTHER NEWS

- **CDC Foundation** (Atlanta, GA) announced the opening of **Assignment: CDC, Photographs by David Snyder**, an exhibition highlighting the impact of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) global health programs. The display features the work of the photojournalist who spent a year on assignment for the CDC Foundation traveling to several cities in the United States, as well as Kenya, Brazil, Peru, Haiti, India, and Tanzania to report on CDC programs in action. From community members who distribute micronutrient packets, to families in Kenya's Nyanza Province, to CDC scientists who conducted disease surveillance after the earthquake in Haiti, Mr. Snyder's images and field notes tell stories of how people, working with common dedication and cause, can improve the health of communities. The exhibition runs through January 14, 2011, and showcases more than 75 photos and field notes. For more information, visit www.infocus.cdcfoundation.org. Contact: Amy Tolchinsky, 404.523.3486, atolchinsky@cdcfoundation.org.
- **Cone Health Foundation** (Greensboro, NC) announced its new name, along with a restructuring of its focus. Formerly the Moses Cone – Wesley Long Community Health Foundation, the organization will preserve the longer name for legal purposes and its governance, management, and staffing will remain intact. Although the foundation will continue providing funding and expertise in its priority areas

of Access to Health Care, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Substance Abuse/Mental Health, it will increase its engagement in advocacy efforts in favor of policy that promotes health. For more information, visit the foundation's new Web site, www.conehealthfoundation.com.

PEOPLE

- **Aetna Foundation** (Hartford, CT) announced that its president **Anne C. Beal, M.D., M.P.H.** was honored with a **Soar High Leaders Award** by the Institute for the Advancement of Multicultural & Minority Medicine (IAMMM)(Washington, DC). Dr. Beal and the Aetna Foundation were recognized for promoting health and health care equity for racial and ethnic minorities. IAMMM established the award in 2006 to recognize the contributions of leaders in the health care industry who have helped pave the way to a better understanding of chronic diseases, and have influenced innovation in health

care through research, advocacy, and education. Dr. Beal was honored along with seven other leaders in philanthropy, health advocacy, and health care. For more information, visit www.aetna.foundation.org.

- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** (Battle Creek, MI) announced the appointment of **Nicole G. de Beaufort** as director of communications. Ms. deBeaufort was most recently the president of Fourth Sector Consulting Inc., in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a strategic communications firm she founded in 2007 to help leading organizations communicate about sustainability, agriculture, food systems, and other complex systemic issues. Other prior positions include vice president for Headwaters Philanthropic Services, LLC and senior account supervisor for Vanguard Communications. In her new role, Ms. De Beaufort will serve as day-to-day lead for implementing domestic and international internal and external communications efforts, including public affairs, media relations, and electronic media, to strengthen and support the foundation's mission. For more information, visit www.wkkf.org.

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