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Laurie Andrews to Lead Community Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole today announced the appointment of Laurie Andrews to the position of President. The Foundation conducted a national search to fill the position in partnership with Koya Leadership Partners, an executive search firm that specializes in recruiting mission-driven clients.

“Laurie will assume the leadership of a vibrant and healthy organization on March 1, 2020. We are thrilled to welcome her to the Community Foundation,” said Bill Hoglund, Community Foundation Board Chair. “Laurie brings with her a strong record of non-profit leadership, deep community relationships and notable accomplishments. She is well-positioned to guide, develop and articulate a vision for the next chapter of the Community Foundation and to positively impact the philanthropic future of Jackson Hole.”

“The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole has transformed philanthropy in our community, activating and strengthening our nonprofit organizations in the Valley,” says Laurie Andrews. “I am excited by the opportunity to leverage the knowledge I’ve gained in my previous role as President of the Jackson Hole Land Trust to create maximum impact for this community. I have seen firsthand the incredible results that occur at the nexus of performing vital work on the ground and engaging passionate donors. A dynamic philanthropic community can nurture and advance strong, inclusive programs and services, assuring that our future is strong and supportive. I believe that together we can create a community where everyone can thrive.”

Laurie Andrews has led the Jackson Hole Land Trust since 2005, spearheading projects that resulted in nearly 8,000 acres permanently protected. Under her guidance, the Land Trust expanded to encompass the Greater Yellowstone area including the founding of a Wind River program in 2007 and a merger with the Green River Valley Land Trust. Other key milestones include the navigation and execution of multiple long-term strategic plans, successful completion of significant project-based capital campaigns, and the launch of an inclusive community conservation program which has grown to include robust partner programs and multiple conservation projects such as Rendezvous (R) Park and Save the Block. Previously, Andrews served for seven years with The Nature Conservancy.

Retiring President, Katharine Conover observed, “It is extremely exciting knowing that the future of the Community Foundation will be in such capable hands. I am proud that the Foundation has achieved the stature to attract such a caliber of leader as Laurie Andrews.”

Since Conover was hired in 2005, the assets of the Community Foundation have grown over 150% to more than \$80 million, comprised of over 250 funds. Its endowment funds have grown from \$8 million in 2005 to \$42 million today. The Foundation has consistently ranked in the Top Ten among U.S. community foundations in gifts per capita, grant activity and transactional volume since 2014 according

to *CF Insights* annual survey—the only community foundation to do so in all three of these categories. Since 2008, the Foundation has been accredited in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. It owns the Jackson office where it employs 10 staff members, and its affiliate, the Community Foundation of Teton Valley, established in 2007, has three dedicated staff members based in Driggs, ID. Annually the Community Foundation administers Old Bill's Fun Run which has raised over \$173.7 million for the community in the past 23 years.

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