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New Board Members Will Advance NCFP's Racial Equity Work

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Center for Family Philanthropy (NCFP) is pleased to announce Kelly Nowlin as the chair of its Board of Directors. NCFP also welcomes four new directors. Kara Inae Carlisle, Stephanie Ellis-Smith, Jaimie Mayer, and June Wilson will each serve a three-year term.

Kelly Nowlin, a fifth-generation member of the Andrus Family, has been a trustee of the Surdna Foundation since 2010. Kelly is also a past Fellow of the National Center for Family Philanthropy, a founding board member of the Andrus Family Fund, and the principal of KDN Philanthropy Consulting. She has been instrumental in the development of NCFP's strategic plan and is well-positioned to guide the organization through the plan's implementation, in addition to advancing NCFP's commitment to racial equity.

McKnight Foundation Vice President of Programs Kara Inae Carlisle leads program strategy and learning the Foundation. In particular she focuses on intersections across racial equity, sustainability, and democracy, as drivers toward greater impact across the Foundation's programs. She serves on the Center for Effective Philanthropy's Advisory Board.

Piila Engaged Giving CEO Stephanie Ellis-Smith works with ultra-high-net-worth individuals, foundations, and corporations to make catalytic investments that connect money to values, especially through the lenses of racial justice, social justice, and holistic philanthropic practices. Together with her husband, Stephanie also funds the arts, humanities, and social justice through the Rockhaven Fund. In 2020, she co-founded Giving Gap (fka Give Blck), an online database of Black-founded organizations.

Jaimie Mayer is serving her second term as chair of the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Under her chairmanship, Jaimie has guided the Foundation through aligning 100% of its assets for impact, leadership transitions, and a renewed focus on racial, economic, and environmental justice. Jaimie is an avid champion of next generation philanthropy and multigenerational giving.

June Wilson is the executive director of the Compton Foundation, which she is leading through a strategic spend-down process. She recently concluded her term as an NCFP Fellow and has consulted with NCFP on its equity programming. Previously, she led the Quixote Foundation until it sunsetted in 2017.

These exceptional leaders each have extensive experience in the family philanthropy sector and have the unique and varying perspectives that our board needs to bring NCFP's strategic plan to life," NCFP President and CEO Nick Tedesco said. "They have strong commitments to racial justice, are skilled leaders, and are eager to help NCFP expand its audience. With their guidance, the organization will be

better suited to equip the family philanthropy community with the resources and support it needs to have meaningful impact.

NCFP extends its sincere gratitude to Brinson Foundation Senior Advisor Jim Parsons for his outstanding service and dedication to advancing the work of NCFP. Additionally, NCFP would like to thank Kimberly Myers Hewlett of the Myers and Flora Family Foundations. Her service as chair of the board was invaluable to the organization, particularly during a time of leadership transition. Kimberly will remain a director for another three-year term.

NCFP is a network of philanthropic families committed to a world that is vibrant, equitable, and resilient. We share proven practices, work through common challenges, and learn together to strengthen our ability to effect meaningful change. Our range of programs and services support family philanthropy at its many points of inflection and help families embrace proven practices and advance momentum. Explore our resources, all rooted in a Family Giving Lifecycle, by visiting www.ncfp.org.

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