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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF GUILFORD NONPROFIT CONSORTIUM

Mary Herbenick Brings 25 Years of Experience to Nonprofit Collaborative

(Greensboro, NC) – The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro (“Community Foundation”) announces the selection of Mary Herbenick as the new Director of the Guilford Nonprofit Consortium (“the Consortium”), a regional collaborative that builds the capacity of nonprofit organizations serving Guilford County residents. Ms. Herbenick brings a 25-year career as a strategy consultant, nonprofit executive, writer, facilitator, and community change agent to this important leadership role.

“Mary’s experience in leading collaborations in the community will prove an invaluable asset at the Consortium,” says outgoing Director, Steve Hayes. “She has worked with nonprofits from across Guilford County and knows the challenges and the opportunities facing the nonprofit sector. We are so fortunate to have her as our next Director.”

Ms. Herbenick has led grassroots efforts and established organizations, galvanizing people across multiple sectors to work together to achieve common goals. Most recently, Mary served on the executive leadership team at the Kellin Foundation where she was responsible for development and community resilience building efforts. Previously, she served in a variety of roles at Ready for School, Ready for Life, including as Executive Director.

“Mary has a proven passion for connecting people and resources to address Guilford County’s biggest challenges,” says Athan Lindsay, Vice President of Grants & Community Impact for the Community Foundation. “Her expertise in organizational development and nonprofit management is a boon for the continued development of the Consortium’s capacity-building programs.”

An Ohio native, Ms. Herbenick lived and worked in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Denver before making her home in Guilford County. She assumes the position of Director of the Guilford Nonprofit Consortium following the tenure of Steve Hayes who announced his retirement earlier this year.

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The **Guilford Nonprofit Consortium** (“the Consortium”) started in 2003 as a collaborative to build the capacity of nonprofits and increase collaboration within the nonprofit community. The Consortium serves nonprofit organizations, large and small, in Guilford County, NC by fostering mutual assistance and support. The Consortium provides opportunities for education, collaboration, networking, and celebration. The Consortium is funded by foundations and other institutions from across Guilford County. In 2021, these organizations included the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, the Cemala Foundation, Cone Health, the Foundation for a Healthy High Point, the Reich Family Foundation, and the Weaver Foundation, with additional support from Hayden Harmen and Lincoln Financial Foundation.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro** (“the Community Foundation”) is a local, charitable giving organization with a proven history of making a real difference right here in our community. Since 1983, the Community Foundation have granted over \$330 million to hundreds of nonprofits and have received over \$440 million in contributions, with over \$300 million in assets under management. The Community Foundation manages over 700 charitable funds for individuals, families, businesses, foundations, and nonprofit organizations for a wide variety of community issues and priorities. These diverse relationships and funding partnerships uniquely positions the Community Foundation to convene leaders around the most pressing issues in our community.



*Mary Herbenick, Director of the
Guilford Nonprofit Consortium*