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Trust Welcomes Veteran Grantmaker Laura McBride



We are pleased to welcome Laura McBride as senior program officer for the Trust's Phoenix office. In strong alignment with the Trust's mission, Laura has extensive experience developing partnerships and relationships with organizations to assist people in need, protect the environment and improve the quality of life for Arizona residents.

Laura has a rich background in Arizona's philanthropic and nonprofit community. Most recently, she was the senior corporate giving specialist for Arizona Public Service Company (APS), where she managed the annual philanthropic budget for Maricopa County, handled all aspects of the grantmaking process and led the corporation through philanthropic strategic planning. Prior to APS, Laura administered The Arizona Republic's grants program, where she oversaw Season for Sharing and Gannett Foundation grants, and administered funding for the Arizona Child Abuse Prevention License Plate program and Walk to End Domestic Violence.

Like Nina Mason Pulliam and so many of us here at the Trust, Laura made her career start in journalism at The Phoenix Gazette and The Arizona Republic, so we have another newspaper veteran joining the Trust's ranks.

In her new position, Laura will oversee and participate in the Trust's strategic grantmaking activities in Arizona. Her responsibilities include reviewing grant proposals and providing recommendations, developing project and program initiatives, and working with nonprofit partners to determine success measurements and assess grantee progress toward goals. She will be instrumental in the Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholars program, among other Trust initiatives, and will serve as a liaison to the Arizona philanthropic community, along with fellow program officer Michael Mendel and vice president of programs Bob Berger.

Laura understands the challenges facing our state and the organizations doing exemplary work to address those issues. Her insight is invaluable and we're grateful to have Laura join our team.

Please join us in welcoming Laura to her new home at the Trust.



Gene D'Adamo, President and CEO

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