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From the CEO

Trust Appoints Josh Abel Director of Grants Administration, Legal Counsel

Bids farewell to founding employee Mary Price



Please join me in welcoming the Trust's new director of grants administration and legal counsel, and in bidding a fond farewell to founding Trust employee Mary Price.

As a longtime provider of legal services to an exclusively nonprofit clientele, Josh has a special understanding of private foundations' responsibilities in grantmaking.

Before joining the Trust, Josh was an associate attorney with Faegre Baker Daniels law firm in Indianapolis, where he advised nonprofit organizations on general legal matters as well as board governance and government compliance issues. Prior to the law firm, Josh worked as managing attorney for the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in Indianapolis, then went on to serve as the clinic's executive director. Josh oversaw the expansion of the clinic, a public charity that provides pro bono legal assistance in central and northern Indiana. He also secured and managed complex federal grants for the organization.

We at the Trust have known Josh for many years. He has provided legal counsel to the Trust through his association with Faegre Baker Daniels, and the legal clinic is a past Trust grantee organization. Josh credits his work with the Trust over the years with increasing his understanding of the critical role private foundations play in creating more equitable and compassionate communities. In his new role at the Trust, Josh will manage all aspects of the grant administration, recordkeeping and tax compliance processes. Based in the Indianapolis office, he will serve as in-house legal counsel, secretary to the board of trustees and a member of the Trust's Leadership Team.

Josh's keen insight into legal and practical grantmaking requirements for a private foundation are of immeasurable value to the Trust and we are extremely pleased to welcome him to the Trust family.



Josh's predecessor, Mary Price, is retiring after a 20-year career with the Trust. Mary became one of the Trust's first employees, after a long career in the newspaper business. At Central Newspapers, Inc., she provided support to Frank Russell, the company's former president and CEO and founding chair of the Trust, handling financial affairs and charitable contributions for Nina Mason Pulliam. Mary was instrumental in shaping the Trust and guiding the grantmaking activities through our formative years. Mary served as the director of grants administration and secretary to the board of trustees. She has left an indelible mark on the Trust. We are grateful for her years of dedication and contribution and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

We hope you'll extend your good wishes to Mary and help us warmly welcome Josh to the Trust.



Gene D'Adamo, President and CEO

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