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From the CEO

One of the greatest strengths of the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust is our dedicated, immeasurably talented staff. At this time, we're saying goodbye to one of our long-standing staff members and welcoming a new one.



After 17 years with the Trust, **Belen Gonzalez**, program director for Arizona, will be leaving mid-June to pursue new opportunities in the nonprofit and philanthropic sector.

Belen was an original member of the Trust's grants program staff and her contributions and leadership during her tenure have played a significant role in helping to shape and grow the organization.

An accomplished grantmaker, Belen has a deep knowledge of the nonprofit community and understands how to leverage resources for the greatest impact. She was instrumental in developing and leading the Trust's efforts in foster care in Arizona. Her accomplishments relating to youth aging out of the system have earned her local and national recognition; most importantly, they have made an indelible impact in the lives of the youth whom these programs serve.

Belen was fresh out of graduate school when she joined the Trust, so we applaud her desire to mark a new path. We wish Belen the very best and are grateful for her long-standing commitment and significant contributions.



Teri Walker has joined the Trust as manager of communications and external relations. Teri brings 25 years of experience in strategic planning and communication to this new position, in which she will manage all internal and external communications and serve as brand steward for the organization.

Most recently, Teri was vice president of DRA Collective (formerly Denise Resnik and Associates), a public relations and marketing firm. Her clients included a number of nonprofit, public and private organizations, including Arizona Humane Society, ASU, Science Foundation Arizona, Conservation Lands Foundation and DMB Associates, among others.

Teri has a great passion for environmental concerns, having previously served as communications director for the Grand Canyon Trust and public affairs specialist for the Kaibab National Forest. As a consultant, she provided public relations, economic development and marketing services for Navajo County; co-founded the Holbrook Business Development Group; served as director of the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce; and represented the city of Holbrook on the Northern Arizona Council of Governments.

Teri will ensure the Trust's communications -- across all internal and external platforms -- consistently and positively convey the organization's mission, vision and brand. She will provide expertise in writing, media relations, community relations and special event management. Additionally, Teri will play a role in helping the Trust continue to develop and refine programs, and provide valuable opportunities for grantees to convene around community concerns and common interests. She will be based in the Trust's Phoenix office.

We are pleased to welcome Teri to the Trust, and look forward to drawing upon her diverse background and deep expertise as we continue to seek greater opportunities to build upon Nina's legacy.

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Gene D'Adamo, President and CEO

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