



## **Guelph Community Foundation announces six new Board Members to Board of Directors to support next phase of growth**

**Guelph, Ontario – Wednesday, June 16, 2021** - The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is pleased to announce the nomination of six new members to the Board of Directors, elected at the Annual General Meeting on June 10, 2021.

After an extensive recruitment process and internal review of the skills and experience needed for the Foundation in the next phase of growth, joining the current Board of Directors are the following six new members: Chelsea Wagner, Crista Renner, Mike Delisle, Roger Garriock, Sara Sayyed and Zeba Khan.

They come with a range of experience, backgrounds and skill sets to support GCF in the next chapter of work and bring a collective wisdom to pursue a Guelph where everyone is acknowledged and belongs.

Chelsea Wagner – is the Director of Human Resources for TreeHouse Foods where she manages Human Resources Management functions such as employee relations, talent management, organizational development, full cycle recruitment, onboarding, compensation and diversity and inclusion training. As a proud Guelphite, she is excited to bring her skills and experience in HR to support the Foundation.

Crista Renner – with 10 years of volunteer experience with the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Crista brings a unique blend of experience as an entrepreneur, community builder, associate professor, and mentor to student innovators. It was in the midst of grief during the pandemic that Crista felt the collective caring of our community and understood the role all of us have to make our city a great place to live. Crista brings her current experience from the GCF Grants Committee.

Mike Delisle – a Guelph resident since 1983, Mike has spent over 10 years volunteering with health care institutions, most recently as the Chair of the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). Mike founded his family business, The Registrar Company, which provides services to organizations seeking accredited registration of their ISO quality management systems. Mike brings a wealth of organization improvement, risk management and governance experience to the table.

Roger Garriock - a Civil Engineer by training, Roger spent 32 years with IBM Canada as a senior executive in the sales and marketing parts of the business. He then spent 8 years teaching one day Innovation workshops to senior executives around the world, amassing more than 4 million

air miles in the process. He then ran the Canadian operations for Destination Imagination for six years as a volunteer. Roger has sat on more than 20 non-profit Boards across Canada and is delighted to be able to contribute to GCF.

Sara Sayyed – Sara is currently in her third year of her first term on the GCF Grants Committee, and now brings her community granting experience to the Board table. Sara is Principal of the Meezan School, a Director of Guelph Refugee Consortium and is actively involved with communication and outreach for the Muslim Society of Guelph. She is excited by the opportunity to further her participation in a position that is impactful and to enhance GCF's ability to serve the community.

Zeba Khan - As a dynamic financial and communications professional tenured in the banking industry for seven years, she is bringing her passion for communications consulting and business building, especially for small business owners and young entrepreneurs. She believes integrating sustainability, inclusion, and innovation are keys to building prosperous communities and looks forward to bringing these skills to the Board table.

Thank you to GCF volunteers of the Nominations Committee, Andrew Johnson, Cyndy Moffat Forsyth, Mike Gourlay, and community members Peter Barrow and Jaya James for their help in this recruitment process.

#### **About the Guelph Community Foundation:**

Founded in 2000, the Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. Currently, the Foundation manages \$13.6 million in funds and has distributed \$6 million to more than 950 community programs. For more information on how you can invest for community impact, please visit [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca).

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