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Four Directors Join the Guelph Community Foundation Board

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The Guelph Community Foundation (GCF) is thrilled to welcome four new Directors to its Board:

- David Hong, Former Chief Administrative Officer at Ontario College Application Service
- Lloyd Longfield, Former Member of Parliament for Guelph
- Karen Menard, Founder and CEO of Measured Strategies
- Meg Ryan, Program Assistant at Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington

The new directors bring extensive experience in governance, community leadership, strategy, business, and the nonprofit sector that will help strengthen GCF's impact across Guelph and Wellington County. They will join returning board members:

- Board Chair: Eric Johnstone, Vice President, Finance, Chief Financial Officer at Conestoga College
- Past-Chair: Carly O'Brien, Founder of COB Excelerations Inc.
- Treasurer: Hilary Coates, Director - Tax, BDO Canada LLP
- Directors: Celeste Bannon Waterman Partner at KCI, Roger Garriock retired from IBM Canada, Hilary McCann Executive Director of Destination Marketing Guelph, Jaime Power Chief Executive Officer at Power Wealth, Mark Muir Rodenburg Partner at SmithValeriotte Law Firm LLP, and Dhruv Shah IT Manager at Rogers Communications.

As Eric Johnstone has stepped into the role of Board Chair, the Guelph Community Foundation's Board and staff extend a heartfelt thank you to Carly for her contributions and leadership during her time as Board Chair.

Board appointments were made during GCF's Annual General Meeting on May 21, 2026. The new appointees and returning board members will come together for their first Board of Directors meeting on September 17, 2026.

"The Guelph Community Foundation matches donors with causes they care about and provides grants to charities in Guelph, Wellington and beyond", says Sarah Haanstra, Executive Director. "We are so grateful to have a Board made up of Directors who bring such a high-level of expertise, experience, and commitment to GCF and our community. A strong board is an essential part of a strong organization."

Boards of Directors play an essential role in the oversight, decision-making, risk management and accountability of an organization. GCF looks forward to growing their presence and impact in Guelph, with the guidance of their Board and the hard work of their dedicated staff team.

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About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that provides leadership in community philanthropy and enhances the quality of life for the people of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, granting and legacy programs. Charitable gifts are pooled in permanent, interest earning endowments that support a range of charitable programs and activities. To learn more please visit guelphcf.ca.