



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 13, 2018

Contact: Steve Joul, President & CEO of CommunityGiving

Phone: (320) 253-4380

Contact: Caryl Turnow, Executive Director of CMCF

Phone: (320) 253-4380



Kathy Grochow Named Director of Community Programs

St. Cloud, Minn. – CommunityGiving and the Central Minnesota Community Foundation (CMCF) are pleased to announce Kathy Grochow as the new Director of Community Programs for the organization. Grochow was a Senior Development Officer at the College of St. Benedict and has over 18 years of experience in philanthropy. She received her undergraduate in Business Administration Management from the University of Minnesota-Mankato and her master's degree in Organizational Management from Concordia University in St. Paul.

As Director of Community Programs, Kathy will oversee all CommunityGiving programmatic work which includes oversight of the Grant and Scholarship processes. In this role, Kathy will support each affiliate community foundation's

programmatic work by identifying community opportunities, collaborating with local staff, organizations and volunteers, and building awareness and participation to impact the broader community. Kathy will focus a major part of her time leading the programmatic efforts of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation. In this role she will continue to work with the Community Pillars, lead the community programs committee and assist with other community initiatives.

Caryl Turnow, Executive Director of CMCF noted, "We have every confidence in Kathy's ability to lead CMCF's programming as she has long-time connections to the St. Cloud area nonprofits and understands the community needs as well as our donor's interests."

Steve Joul, President and CEO of CommunityGiving stated, "We are delighted to have Kathy join the CommunityGiving team. Her past experience and skills make her a perfect fit for this role."

CommunityGiving is a collaboration of community foundations united under a single framework to create efficiencies that maximize the impact of our donors. The core foundations working with CommunityGiving include the Alexandria Area Community Foundation, the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation, the Central Minnesota Community Foundation and the Willmar Area Community Foundation. Collectively, CommunityGiving administers more than 700 funds totaling more than \$140 million. Learn more at **[CommunityGiving.org](https://www.CommunityGiving.org)**.