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Community Foundation Announces New Staff

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) announced today that they have hired Holly Cole as the Director of Grants & Program. In this role, Cole will be responsible for the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Foundation's comprehensive competitive grants program.

"We are thrilled to add capacity to our growing community grantmaking work. Holly has a proven record in nonprofit programming and she will be an invaluable addition to our team," said Holly Johnson, GHACF President. "Her experience with nonprofits, specifically in the area of food insecurity, will help us address needs and impactfully serve our community."

Originally from Spring Lake, Cole received her BA from Kalamazoo College and her MPA from Grand Valley State University. She has vast work experience in the nonprofit and education sectors, and was most recently the Program Manager at the Community Food Club of Greater Grand Rapids, an innovative, collaborative approach to food distribution to those with food insecurity in Kent County. Cole has also worked at the Kid's Food Basket and Elon University.

"It's an absolute privilege to serve our community in partnership with the exceptional team at the GHACF," said Cole. "I look forward to supporting those in the nonprofit sector that care for our neighbors in the Tri-Cities and beyond."

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a charitable organization that has been serving the Tri-Cities community since 1971. It exists to encourage philanthropic gifts from individuals, families, companies and organizations, and serves as a steward of charitable funds and legacies. The Foundation

offers support to nonprofits, convenes leaders on issues of importance, and engages in advocacy work that impacts the nonprofit sector. In 2016, the Foundation ranked 5th in the Top 100 Community Foundations in the nation for most gifts per capita, 15th for distribution rate, and 93rd for number of transactions. For more information, visit ghacf.org.

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Photo: Holly Cole headshot