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Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation Announces New Board Leadership and Adds a Board Member

Oak Park, IL (July 12, 2021) — The Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Bruce Wojack and Kelly Turner have been named the new chair and vice-chair of its board of directors. The Foundation also welcomes Ana Garcia Doyle as a new board member.

“I am very excited for the opportunity to lead the Community Foundation board, and a lot of that has to do with the incredible work Tony Martinez has done as president,” said new board chair Wojack. “Through his leadership and that of outgoing chair Donna T. Myers, the Foundation has made great strides in supporting our community, but there is still much more work to do.”

Wojack is a senior vice president and wealth strategist at The Northern Trust with more than 30 years of experience serving the needs of high net worth individuals and families. Prior to joining The Northern, he was a trust specialist with Merrill Lynch and a client advisor at JP Morgan. In addition to the Foundation board, Wojack serves as the co-chair of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Chicago Community Trust, as a member of the Chicago Estate Planning Council, and is a past president of the River Forest Tennis Club. He lives in Oak Park with his wife Kim, a lifelong Oak Parker and the granddaughter of the founder of Nielsen’s Restaurant, and their two college-aged children.

“I am proud and impressed by the leadership role the Community Foundation took during the COVID-19 lockdown in creating the Rapid Response and Recovery Fund to get resources to local organizations quickly and without fanfare,” Wojack said. “One of my goals as board chair is to raise awareness of the Foundation and the initiatives it is undertaking to support individuals and organizations in western Cook County.”

Turner is a senior counsel with the American Arbitration Association (AAA) in its Chicago regional office. As a member of the AAA’s legal department, she handles litigation, subpoenas and contracts, and works with employees across the country and in Singapore. She was previously vice president in charge of the Chicago regional office, focusing on the association’s commercial division. Before joining the AAA, Turner spent more than 19 years at Locke Lord LLP, a full-service international law firm. In addition to the Foundation board, she is a member of the board of directors of the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society. She lives in Oak Park.

With over 25 years of digital marketing and publishing experience, Doyle is co-founder and Executive Director of One Earth Collective, an Oak Park-based environmental nonprofit that produces the One Earth Film Festival (the Midwest's premiere environmental film festival) and other programs. The festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2021. . She is also a community leader, advocate, and public speaker in the area of environmental sustainability, who helped lead an award-winning zero waste initiative in District 97 schools.

“I am thrilled and humbled to be a part of the Community Foundation board,” Doyle said. “I think the work being done now is critical — not just substantively but as a model of how organizations with a long legacy can build on that legacy to effect change.”

Doyle and her husband Jim live in Oak Park in a 100-year-old home that they renovated to be as environmentally sustainable as possible, including the installation of a geothermal system and 48 solar panels, as well as landscaping that incorporates native plantings, edibles, and a rainwater harvesting and irrigation system. The home received a 2012 Green Award from the Village of Oak Park, and 2019 LEED Gold certification from the US Green Building Council.

Doyle and her family have been involved in various aspects of the Foundation for a long time. Two of her children participated in the Future Philanthropists program when they attended OPRF High School, One Earth Collective is a stakeholder in PlanIt Green, and she has presented on sustainability issues to the Leadership Lab program. In addition, three years ago the Doyles created a scholarship fund to financially assist Austin residents interested in joining the Leadership Lab.

“We are pleased to welcome Ana to the board, and are excited for Bruce and Kelly’s leadership over the next two years as board chair and vice-chair,” said OPRFCF President and CEO Antonio Martinez, Jr. “Their commitment to the community has been remarkable, and we look forward to having their help in guiding the Foundation toward its next phase of growth.”

OPRFCF board members serve three-year terms. The 2021 board of directors is grateful to its outgoing members, Cuyler Brown, John Hedges, Phillip Jiménez, Barbara Rohm Rossa and Eric Weinheimer, for their years of service, and for their unwavering dedication to improving the lives of community residents.

About the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation

Founded in 1959, The Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation has built lasting, impactful connections among area residents and locally-based service programs. Today as an integral presence in the community, the Foundation focuses on helping its donors identify and achieve their long-term philanthropic goals, and providing grants and leadership support to organizations working to effect positive change in Oak Park, River Forest and surrounding neighborhoods in western Cook County. Learn more about the Foundation’s programs and services online at oprfcf.org.

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