



Charlevoix County Community Foundation Adds New Trustees

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of four (4) new trustees; Bill Aten, Ann Hollis, Karen Johnson and Jack Poindexter.

Bill Aten, of Boyne Falls, returns to begin a second term as a trustee. Now retired from his position as Principal of Boyne Falls Schools, Mr. Aten is an active member of the community. He currently serves as the President of the Challenge Mountain Board of Directors, while also serving on the Board of Boyne Thunder and the Boyne Valley Trailway. In addition to his service on the Foundation's Board of Trustees, Mr. Aten will also serve on the Foundation's Distribution Committee, which oversees the organization's grant-making activities. "I'm so pleased to return to the Community Foundation Board," Aten said, adding, "it's such a good organization and I'm excited to work with the rest of the trustees to continue to support the Foundation's good work."

Ann Hollis, with her husband, Joe, settled in Charlevoix several years ago after living in several other states. A retired educator who taught in California and Michigan, Mrs. Hollis has been an avid community volunteer everywhere she has lived, serving on councils and vestries of several churches, while also sitting on educational advisory and hospital boards. In addition, she is currently an active member of the Charlevoix Garden Club. "I'm very pleased to join such a worthwhile organization, and I'm looking forward to engaging with the other trustees to continue to advance the mission of the Community Foundation," she said. Mrs. Hollis will also serve on the Foundation's Distribution Committee.

Johnson, of Beaver Island, has a strong background in business, having worked first in Sales and Marketing with PepsiCo and Kraft, before starting her own seasonal boutique, The Blue Pearl, on Beaver Island. A 2013 graduate of Leadership Charlevoix County, Mrs. Johnson actively gives back to her community, serving as member of the Board of Education of the Beaver Island Community School, as well as a literacy volunteer and student mentor. "I'm excited to be a part of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation," she said, adding, "and I'm proud to be a part of such a positive and healthy organization." Like the other new trustees, Mrs. Johnson will also be a member of the Distribution Committee.

Poindexter, of East Jordan, is the Vice-President, CFO and Corporate Treasurer of EJ, formerly the East Jordan Iron Works. Like the other new trustees, Mr. Poindexter is immersed in volunteer service, having served previously on the boards of the Jordan Valley District Library and the East Jordan Learning Alliance. He is currently the Secretary of the East Jordan Rotary Club, where he plays an active role in many service projects. Mr. Poindexter will join the other new trustees in grant-making activities on the Distribution Committee. "The Community Foundation's growth over the years has been remarkable for a county of our size, and I'm looking forward to working with the other trustees as we continue to build the Foundation's capacity moving forward," he said.

Don Spencer, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, is looking forward to working with the new trustees. "Bill, Ann, Karen and Jack are enthusiastic and engaged community members, and the Community Foundation will benefit from the skills and experiences they bring to the group," he noted. Including the new appointments, the Foundation's Board of Trustees includes fourteen (14) members, representing all regions of Charlevoix County. Other trustees include; Don Spencer of Beaver Island; Hugh Conklin, Michelle Cortright, Jim Howell and Rachel Swiss of Boyne City; Dave Leusink, Valerie Snyder and Paul Witting of Charlevoix; John Kempton and Barbara Malpass of East Jordan.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.