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Community Foundation Announces New College Access Network Advisor

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) is pleased to announce that Jana Reenders has been selected to be the Tri-Cities College Access Network college advisor. Reenders has worked as the administrative assistant at GHACF since 2013. In her new role, she will work with students at Grand Haven High School, Central High School, Spring Lake High School, and Spring Lake Alt. Ed., with the goal to increase the number of Tri-Cities residents who have a technical or vocational certification and/or a 2- or 4-year college degree. "Jana will be missed at the Community Foundation, but we are excited for her new opportunity and look forward to seeing the impact she has on our students," says Holly Johnson, President of GHACF.

Reenders is a native of Spring Lake and lives in Grand Haven, where she and her husband Mark have owned a commercial/industrial construction company for 20 years. Since studying Liberal Arts at Aquinas College, Jana worked in the insurance industry as well as the Maternal and Infant Health Program for Ottawa County. Jana has helped her four daughters navigate the college application to graduation process; her youngest daughter is completing her senior year at Central Michigan. "I'm looking forward to working with students and helping them with their college plans," says Reenders.

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 2014 the Foundation ranked 20th in the Top 100 Community Foundations in the nation in terms of gifts per capita. For more information, visit ghacf.org.

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Photo: Jana Reenders headshot