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Community Foundation Announces New Staff

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) announced today that they have hired Kari Fuller as the Director of the Coopersville Area Community Foundation (CACF), an affiliate of GHACF. In this new position, Fuller will oversee fund development, marketing and communications, and grantmaking activities for CACF.

"This is a very exciting step for the Coopersville Area Community Foundation," says Holly Johnson, President of GHACF. "Our affiliates do such good work for their communities and having Kari on our team will allow Coopersville to have local expertise in the areas of grantmaking and fund development."

For the past nineteen years, Fuller has taught in various K-12 schools, and was most recently a teacher assistant at Forest Hills Public Schools. She is the Treasurer for the Coopersville Band Boosters and has a broad range of volunteer and fundraising experience.

Fuller lives in Marne with her husband, two high-school-aged daughters, and an exchange student from the Czech Republic. She spends her free time volunteering for local non-profits and is the race director for the Coopersville 5K and the Camp Henry 5K. "I am so excited to begin this new opportunity to assist in making Coopersville a better place to live and work. This role will allow the Coopersville Area Community Foundation to create opportunities for other non-profits to make a difference in this community."

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 2015, the Foundation ranked 30th in the Top 100 Community Foundations in the nation for most gifts per capita. For more information, visit <u>ghacf.org</u>.

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Photo: Kari Fuller headshot