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**Community Foundation Announces New Staff** 

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) announced today that they have hired Christopher Riker as the Vice President of Advancement and Donor Services. In this role, Riker will steward existing donors and constituents, as well as introduce Community Foundation services and expertise to individuals, families, corporations, private foundations, and professional advisors. Riker will also work on actively engaging the next generation in philanthropic conversations.

"The expertise and experience that Chris brings to this important position will positively impact our community in many ways," said Holly Johnson, President of GHACF. "Chris has almost two decades of experience and a proven track record for establishing and nurturing relationships that result in community good."

A Hope College graduate, Riker worked at the United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region for 17 years in various roles, most recently serving as Director of Marketing and Communication. "It is an honor to join the talented team at the GHACF," he said. "The GHACF has a long legacy of positively impacting the area, and I am looking forward to partnering closely with local individuals, families, organizations, and corporations to help them achieve their philanthropic goals."

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 ghacf.org.