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Triangle Community Foundation Announces New Board Leadership

Four New Members Also Elected as 40th Anniversary Approaches

Research Triangle Park, NC: Triangle Community Foundation is delighted to announce a new Board chair as well as four new Board members as the organization kicks off the 2022-2023 fiscal year this week with its first in-person retreat and Board meeting since the start of the pandemic.

[Christine DeVita](#) is replacing [Michael Schoenfeld](#) as Board Chair as he departs the Triangle and a lengthy career at Duke University for Washington DC, where he has been named a partner at Brunswick Group. Michael remains on the Board as Immediate Past Chair. Chris has served on the Foundation's Board for four years, and brings a wealth of experience to the position, having previously served as president of The Wallace Foundation and on the boards of The Center for Effective Philanthropy, The Foundation Center, and The Learning Trail, among others.

"I thank Michael for his dedicated service and wish him every success as he begins this new chapter in his career," said Lori O'Keefe, Triangle Community Foundation's President & CEO. "The Foundation has thrived under his leadership, and I am grateful to continue to have his counsel as Immediate Past Chair. I am excited to now partner with Chris as we plan for the future. In addition, our new members bring valued sets of experience to further grow our perspectives as we prepare for our 40th anniversary in 2023. Their thought leadership will be essential as we enter this next phase."

In addition to Chris being named as Board Chair, the Foundation welcomes four new Board members, all of whom have previous service on nonprofit boards in the Triangle and beyond:

[Caroline Abbott](#), CPA & Tax Partner at Thomas, Judy, and Tucker, PA. Caroline has over 30 years of experience in public accounting, including 16 years with Ernst & Young LLP.

[Creighton Blackwell](#), Chief Community and Public Affairs Officer at Coastal Credit Union. Creighton brings over 25 years of experience in the banking field, where he has served in a variety of roles, including in development, sales and marketing, and strategy.

[Crystal German](#), Executive Vice President at Self-Help Credit Union. Crystal's career has focused on equity in wealth creation, economic development, and asset building.

[Ravila Gupta](#), CEO of Bagchi Group. Ravila has extensive experience in the legal field as well as in business strategy, financial services, nonprofit leadership, and executive coaching.

The Foundation's 16-member Board for FY 2022-2023 includes:

Officers:

- Board Chair: Christine DeVita, The Wallace Foundation (Retired)
- Immediate Past Chair: Michael J. Schoenfeld, The Brunswick Group
- Vice Chair: Larry Rocamora, McPherson, Rocamora, Nicholson & Wilson, PLLC
- Treasurer: Phil Lambert, Wikoff Color Corporation (Retired)
- Secretary: Rebecca Balter, Community Leader

Directors

- Caroline Abbott, Thomas, Judy, and Tucker, PA
- Creighton Blackwell, Coastal Credit Union
- Crystal German, Self-Help Credit Union
- Michael Goodman, Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc.
- Richard B. Guirlinger, Bourke Services, LLC
- Ravila Gupta, Bagchi Group
- Lilyn Hester, Google
- Wayne F. Morgan, Novant Health
- Vijay Shah, Trademark Properties
- Timothy W. Trost, Werewolf Therapeutics
- Melinda Wiggins, LIFT Fund

About Triangle Community Foundation | Founded in 1983, Triangle Community Foundation works to build a brighter future for everyone in the Triangle region of North Carolina. By working with dedicated donors and strong nonprofits, the Foundation is able to guide gifts in strategic ways to fill in gaps, reduce inequities, and solve the region's most pressing challenges. Learn more at trianglecf.org.

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