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Community Foundation of Collier County Welcomes New CFO

Naples, FL (July 1, 2021) – The Community Foundation of Collier County has welcomed Wendy Ponting to their team as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Her primary role will be to provide executive leadership, vision, and strategic oversight for the Foundation's overall operating, financial, and administrative activities. She will also offer investment management oversight and work actively with the Investment Committee to develop investment policy and asset allocation.

Ponting is new to Naples and spent 23 years with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, starting in 1998 as an accountant and advancing to Vice President of Finance and Controller. She graduated from Cardinal Stritch in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Masters in Management in 2005.

CFCC's former CFO, Lisette Holmes, has transitioned into the Financial Analyst role, a new position at the Foundation.

Ponting enjoys biking, paddle boarding, and sailing with her husband Glenn and dog Lucky. She looks forward to learning about what makes Naples unique and becoming part of the community.

"We are so happy to have Wendy join our team," said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, Community Foundation President and CEO. "Her many years of community foundation experience are invaluable and will assure that we continue to adhere to the highest standards of sound investing, effective grantmaking, and building the capacity of Collier County nonprofit agencies."

About the Community Foundation of Collier County

The Community Foundation of Collier County, now in its 35th year, is a tax-exempt, public, charitable organization established in 1985 to increase and focus on local private philanthropy. Today, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 750 funds, collaborates with hundreds of nonprofits, holds over \$280 million in assets and has distributed over \$212 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and community programs. The Community Foundation of Collier County is one of Florida's fastest-growing community foundations. For good. Forever. Learn more at cfcollier.org or call 239-649-5000.