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CFMC Hires New Director of Gift Planning

Morgan County, Ind. –The Community Foundation of Morgan County has announced that Chris Oganowski will be joining the staff of the CFMC as the new director of gift planning. With nearly twenty years of experience as a development professional, Oganowski is passionate about fundraising, as well as community and relationship building.

“It is such a pleasure to join the Community Foundation of Morgan County where I hope my fundraising expertise, when combined with the passion of the board and experience of current staff, will make the foundation an even greater change agent within the county,” Oganowski stated. “Together, through strategic collaboration and increased outreach, we will give the people of Morgan County an enhanced quality of life.”

Originally from Wisconsin, Oganowski began her development career at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, where she received her master’s degree in development and administration before beginning her professional development career within the university as a phonathon coordinator from 1997 to 1999. Chris was promoted to the director of annual giving, a position she served in for more than eight-years before accepting a development position at the University of Indianapolis in 2007.

While at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse she reinvigorated the university’s annual fund program, achieving nearly seventy percent growth in telemarketing revenue and thirty percent growth in direct mail revenue. Similarly, at the University of Indianapolis, Oganowski documented planned gifts in the seven-figures and annual gifts in the five-figure numbers before moving on to DePauw University in 2011 and personally closing more than \$4.5 million dollars in financial contributions.

“Chris has brought significant experience in major and annual gift development to us, which will allow the CFMC to continue evolving with the county’s needs,” said Ed Kominowski, CFMC Executive Director. “Our board of directors and staff are excited to have her join us in service to the Morgan County community.”

Earlier this year, the board of directors of the CFMC unanimously chose to better capitalize upon their fundraising and relationship building capacity by hiring a proven fundraiser. Oganowski was ultimately chosen from a pool of applicants from across the region, and will allow the CFMC to maximize the \$1 million matching grant provided through the generosity of the Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT), an initiative of Lilly Endowment Inc.

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“Morgan County has been given the unprecedented opportunity to raise \$2 million, which will not only allow for a more robust impact grant making program through the CFMC, but allow nearly 30 community programs and projects to increase the reach of their programming with a \$0.50 on the dollar match for any donation made to these funds,” Chris Branson, CFMC Board President remarked.

The Community Foundation of Morgan County

Founded in 2000, through the merging of the Mooresville Community Foundation and the Morgan County Community Foundation, the Community Foundation of Morgan County is a public tax-exempt non-profit foundation. The CFMC also performs the administration work for the Kendrick Foundation, a private foundation based in Mooresville that funds healthcare grants and scholarships.

It is the mission of the Community Foundation of Morgan County to connect donors and their charitable giving with their evolving community needs in order to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations through impact grant making. Donors can establish charitable funds through the foundation and support major initiatives which improve the Morgan County community. The CFMC currently manages approximately 180 funds. For more information, visit CFMConline.org or call the foundation toll-free at (855) 280-3095.

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