

Press Release

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Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc. **Announces New Executive Director, President**

Wheeling, WV – The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc. is pleased to announce two recent leadership transitions.

Susie Nelson has been appointed Executive Director of the organization. Ms. Nelson is a lifelong Wheeling resident, a graduate of Wheeling Park High School and West Virginia University. She previously served as the Marketing and Community Relations Specialist for the City of Wheeling and the Director of Marketing for the Wheeling Nailers hockey organization. She brings experience in community improvement, grantwriting and grants management, marketing and media relations, and special projects to her new role. Ms. Nelson has a long history of involvement with nonprofit management and serves or has served the boards of the Children's Museum of the Ohio Valley, Wheeling Health Right, and the YWCA Wheeling. She has also served the Wheeling Skate Park Committee, the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley Allocations Panel, and the Wheeling Park High School Improvement Council. She is also a 2003 graduate of the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Wheeling program and has served as a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

Jerome B. Schmitt, CFA, has been elected to serve as President of the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley. Schmitt is the Executive Vice President – Investment/Trusts for WesBanco Inc., where he has been employed in a variety of capacities in trust operations and trust investments since 1972. Mr. Schmitt has served on the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation since 1977, acting as its Treasurer for nearly 30 years. Mr. Schmitt is a lifelong resident of Wheeling and an active member of the business community.

“The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley is delighted to have two very dedicated individuals at the helm as we move forward,” said CJ Kaiser, Jr., outgoing Board President.

“Their commitment to the Foundation's role as philanthropic leader will serve our region well and

help us to carry out our mission to build a permanent charitable endowment to meet the current and future needs of our community.”

For 35 years, The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley has connected donors who care with causes that matter by making grants to organizations working to improve the quality of life in the Upper Ohio Valley. With assets of more than \$24 million, the Foundation assisted in making more than \$1,500,000 in grants last year. From strengthening community schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to helping lives affected by violence or natural disasters, the Foundation continues to enhance our region. To learn more, please visit the Foundation online at www.cfov.org.

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