MICHIGAN NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION AND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATIONS ANNOUNCE LEADERSHIP WITH PURPOSE PROGRAM

Program to Focus on Principles of Leadership and Career Exploration

LANSING, Michigan – Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) and the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) today announced the inaugural Leadership with Purpose program.

Sixty-two participants from across the state will attend three convenings to maximize learning, networking and clarity on making a career meaningful and impactful. Each session will feature local nonprofit leaders who will provide advice and experience. The program, funded by the C.S. Mott Foundation, is intended to equip diverse talent with the knowledge and direction to have successful careers in Michigan’s nonprofit sector.

“The success of Michigan’s nonprofit sector depends on our future leaders,” said Donna Murray-Brown, MNA President & CEO. “Leadership with Purpose will prepare them to meet the challenges and opportunities of the changing nonprofit landscape.”

“The pipeline of talent in Michigan is growing, and we believe a diverse cross-sector of talent fuels innovation,” said Rob Collier, CMF President & CEO. “Programs like Leadership with Purpose demonstrate a commitment to fostering the knowledge and direction required to prepare Michigan’s talent for a future in nonprofit leadership.”

2015-16 Leadership with Purpose Cohort:

- Alexis Alexander
  United Way for Southeastern Michigan
- Nuha Al-sakkaf
  Social Media Association of Michigan
- Alphonso Amos
  SONS Outreach
- Beth Bailey
  Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan
- Robert Beltz
  Lamphere Schools
- Crystal Black
- Kibibi Blount-Dorn
  Detroit Food Policy Council
- Ursula L. Bolton
  Michigan Consumer Evaluation Team
- Liz Brass
  Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA
- Airika Buford
  State of Michigan-Department of Health and Human Services
- Kristyn Buhl-Lepisto
  Jumpstart
- Li Fong Chen
  University of Michigan ISR
- David Cherry
  City Connect Detroit
- Julie Clement
  J. Clement Communications
- T. Fletcher Cochran
- Earl Corrothers
- Nicholas Drzal  
  *Michigan Department of Education*
- Kathryn Dugal  
  *Rotary Charities of Traverse City*
- Chris Eldridge  
  *One Love Global*
- Liza Fongers  
  *Grand Rapids Initiative for Leaders/Behavior Analysts of West Michigan*
- Aruna Fonseka
- Elizabeth Fritz-Cottle  
  *Alzheimer’s Association-Greater Michigan Chapter*
- Tiffany Griffin  
  *Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan*
- Cassie Hall  
  *Bethany Christian Services*
- Catrina Harvey  
  *Mercy Health*
- Alfredo Hernandez Corsen  
  *The Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance*
- Norm Hess  
  *March of Dimes*
- Emily Horvath  
  *WMU Cooley Law School*
- Andrew Howe
- Gayathri Ilango  
  *POWERHOUSE GROWERS*
- Diane Jarvi  
  *Michigan Nonprofit Association VISTA*
- Amanda Johnson  
  *Midland Area Homes*
- Michael Jones
- Rachel Kollin
- Victoria Leonhardt  
  *Great Lakes Center for Youth Development*
- Aaron Lewber  
  *Disabled American Veterans Dept. of Michigan*
- Andy Malonis
- Teresa Marchetti  
  *Van Andel Institute*
- Elyse Mathos  
  *Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth*
- Michelle McGregor  
  *First Ward Community Service*
- Rebecca Minardi  
  *Kids-Talk Children’s Advocacy Center*
- Angelica Moore  
  *Big Brothers Big Sisters*
- Veima Mora
- Chioke Mose-Telesford  
  *Grand Circus*
- Katie Parrish
- Meera Patel
- Wayne State University Law School
- Amanda Reel  
  *United Way for Southeastern Michigan*
- Jacqueline Roberts
- Kimberly Roberts
- Genevieve Sabala  
  *Bethany Christian Services*
- Danielle Skonieski  
  *The Skillman Foundation*
- Edward Steinberger  
  *JVS*
- Theresa Tejada  
  *National Kidney Foundation of Michigan*
- Wendy Underwood  
  *Dickinson Wright PLLC*
- Katelyn Videto  
  *Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation*
- Mirella Villalpando  
  *University of Michigan School of Social Work*
- Leandra Williams
- Stingray Advisory Group
- Raechel Wrona  
  *The Salvation Army Social Services*
- Karan Wyre  
  *VIP Mentoring/MAC AmeriCorps*
- Elizabeth Zatina
- Jena Zeerip  
  *TrueNorth Community Services*

**About MNA**

Incorporated in 1990, MNA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the diverse nonprofit sector through civic engagement, capacity-building, data and technology, training, and advocacy. MNA manages multiple programs and affiliates including *Data Driven Detroit, Highway T, The LEAGUE Michigan, Michigan Campus Compact, Volunteer Centers of Michigan,* and is a sponsoring organization for *AmeriCorps State and AmeriCorps VISTA*. For more information, visit [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org).

**About CMF**

The Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) is a community of members committed to growing the impact of Michigan philanthropy through investing in the state’s charitable organizations, convening business, government and nonprofit leaders, collaborating on critical issues, seeking innovative solutions, sharing
knowledge and advocating. CMF members represent 91 percent of Michigan’s organized philanthropic assets. For more information, visit www.michiganfoundations.org.

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