

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF

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(September 4, 2003) -- The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Program Officer, the addition of a Director of Development and Marketing, and new Office Administrator, according to David N. Michaud, President.

Erica N. Wagenhals, a native of Delmar, DE, has been named the Foundation's Program Officer. She received a master's degree in Conservation Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park this spring. She also earned a B.A. degree in Political Science from Salisbury University in 2000.

As Program Officer, Wagenhals is responsible for managing the Community Foundation's discretionary grantmaking programs and the Perdue Kresge Challenge to the Community as well as working to carry out the Foundation's grants and service programs. She replaces David F. Baker, who is relocating to North Carolina.

Patt Strausburg joined the Foundation as Office Administrator in August.

Wm. Gee Williams III, a lifetime resident of Berlin, MD, has been named as the Director of Development and Marketing for the Foundation. Williams received a B.S. degree in Journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1971. He was a local newspaper editor and publisher for 28 years and most recently served as the Public Information Officer for the Maryland State Highway Administration.

In asset development, Williams will be working with donors, prospective donors and professional advisors toward establishing new funds at the Foundation. In marketing, he will be responsible for producing the annual report, newsletters, brochures, press releases, maintaining the Foundation's web site and coordinating Foundation marketing projects.

The Community Foundation serves residents and communities in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. The Foundation's purpose is to strengthen the Lower Shore by building charitable endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants and providing leadership to address community needs.

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