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Solano Community Foundation Appoints New CEO

Fairfield, CA, 1 December 2014: Where do you look when your foundation's CEO retires? For Solano Community Foundation, based in Fairfield, they had to look no further than their long-time chief operating officer and fund administrator, Constance Harris. Connie replaces Stephanie Wolf who retired in July of this year after ten years of service with the foundation. Connie brings not only her 13 years of experience with SCF, but also seven years of working for the Fairfield-Suisun Adult School where she taught in the business education high school diploma classes. She gained non-profit experience as the training program manager for Solano Works Services, managing a full-time bakery as a training platform.

Outgoing CEO Stephanie Wolf had this to say about her successor: "I whole-heartedly support the Board's decision. Connie is absolutely the right person to serve as CEO. She knows the Foundation inside and out, and I am confident she will run it well. Connie's creative vision, coupled with her strength in planning and structure, secure the Foundation's ongoing success."

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Connie retired from the U. S. Navy as a lieutenant commander after seventeen years' service. She earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire; and has a master's degree in human development and adult education from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is a resident of Vallejo.

"I'm honored and pleased to serve as the foundation's CEO. I am dedicated to moving the foundation forward, and welcome the opportunity to increase our capacity to meet the needs of the communities we serve. We value the partnerships we have built with our donors, fundholders, local businesses, and Solano non-profits. I want to continue to create a deep and lasting positive impact on the quality of life in Solano County with individuals and organizations that share this goal," said Connie of her appointment.

The Solano Community Foundation is a qualified 501(c) (3) public charity, established in July of 1996 to serve the charitable needs of Solano County residents. It administers a number of endowment funds whose benefits go to other non-profit organizations within the community in the form of grants. The foundation also administers several scholarship funds, offers seminars to its members in the areas of governance and fundraising, and advocates for needed programs, services, or policies. To learn more about its mission, funds, or programs, or to join the NPP (Non-profit Partnership Program), visit their website at www.solanocf.org, or look for them on Facebook as Solano Community Foundation.

Connie takes over at a time of general transition within the Foundation. The entire staff is new within the past year. Sue Ross, from Vacaville, joined in December of 2013, and is responsible for bookkeeping and grant programs. Renee Tassi, also from Vacaville, joined in May, 2014, and is responsible for gifts and program co-ordination. Samantha Fordyce, from Vallejo, joined in November, and fills the new development assistant position.

Connie and her staff are enthusiastically looking forward to 2015. The coming year will offer a new schedule of NPP workshops and funding opportunities. The annual Wong Music Mini-grant cycle will begin in early February, and the application process for scholarship awards will begin in March.

Cut line: New CEO seated at Solano Community Foundation. Connie Harris (seated) assumes CEO position from Stephanie Wolf (standing) who resigned in July.