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## Community Foundation of Washington County Announces Leadership Transition and Executive Director Search

**Greenville, MS - [April 10, 2026]** The Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of Washington County today announced a leadership transition and the launch of a search for its next Executive Director.

The Foundation's current Executive Director, Darla Herrin, will transition from her role at the end of April. The Board expresses sincere appreciation for Darla's leadership and dedication to the Foundation's mission and the Washington County community.

To ensure organizational efficiency, the Board of Trustees is actively overseeing operations during this transition period. The Foundation's work, including grantmaking, donor services, and community initiatives, will continue as normal. Serving the community and stewarding philanthropic resources remain top priorities.

The Executive Board has established a search committee dedicated to identifying the next Executive Director who will continue building on the Foundation's strong legacy. The committee is committed to conducting a thoughtful and inclusive search focused on finding the right leader, someone who shares the Foundation's mission, values, and long-term vision.

During the transition, Bart Freeland, Board Chairperson, will serve as the primary point of contact and will work closely with staff and the Board to ensure a seamless leadership transition.

"Our mission continues to guide us as we seek a leader who will help advance meaningful, lasting impact throughout Washington County," said Freeland. "We are confident in the Foundation's stability and direction during this time."

The Community Foundation of Washington County is now accepting cover letters and résumés for the Executive Director position. Individuals interested in learning more about the role or submitting materials are encouraged to contact the Search Committee Chairperson, Bart Freeland via email at [bart@delta-grp.com](mailto:bart@delta-grp.com).

The mission of the Community Foundation of Washington County is to **connect people who care with causes that matter to create a thriving community for all**. Focused on Washington County and the surrounding area, the Foundation enhances local quality of life by connecting donors with charitable causes, providing grants to nonprofit organizations, and supporting initiatives that strengthen education, health, the arts, food access, and other community priorities, while facilitating long-term philanthropic giving.