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Subject: Patricia Headley joins Library of Michigan Foundation as Chief Development Officer

The Library of Michigan Foundation announced today that Patricia (Tricia) Headley has joined the organization as the Chief Development Officer. As the Chief Development Officer, Tricia will guide the Foundation’s development efforts on a statewide basis to support the goals of the Library of Michigan. The Foundation, which was established in 1985, has raised over 6 million dollars to support enhanced programs across Michigan for increased literacy and resource sharing programs.

Dan Arbour, President of the Library of Michigan Foundation, stated “We are delighted to have Tricia joining our organization after conducting a national search for this position. Her vast experience and knowledge of working across the state of Michigan, most recently with the Michigan Children’s Trust Fund in Lansing Michigan, has given her a tremendous network of support coming to her new role. In addition to raising awareness and funding for prevention programs across the state to ensure Michigan’s children have the opportunity to live safe, nurtured and healthy lives, Tricia has been the backbone to CTF’s annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event, having raised more than 6M since its inception in 2003. We are extremely pleased that Tricia has joined the Foundation to work across the state to help build stronger programs for literacy and library support.”

Randy Riley, State Librarian of Michigan, noted: “Tricia has been an outstanding leader within the state for developing innovative programs and support for the Children’s Trust Fund and we look forward to her engaging with the library community statewide to further our efforts to support lifelong learning. The Foundation enhances our educational and resource sharing initiatives, and Tricia will provide a critical engagement role in working with the community we serve.”

Tricia Headley, commented that “the Library of Michigan plays such a pivotal role in providing statewide service to every corner of the state with key programs for public, academic and school libraries and resource centers. I look forward to building upon the successful history of the Foundation to expand efforts for literacy and library support at the local level. I feel passionate about the importance of literacy and serving as Chief Development Officer will allow me to continue my service in assisting Michigan’s children and families to thrive.”

As the Chief Development Officer, Tricia will seek partnerships with all the Friends of Libraries groups and local development organizations to enhance state and local programs serving our communities.

About the Library of Michigan Foundation: The Mission of the Library of Michigan Foundation is to raise funds to support special programs, services and collections for the Library of Michigan. Since the Foundation was established in 1985, it has raised over 6 million dollars through private and corporate donations as a 501C chartered organization with an independent Board of Directors. Key programs include early childhood, youth and adult literacy; the Michigan eLibrary (MeL); access to primary educational resources; special services for the blind and physically impaired; book sharing and continuing educational programs for libraries statewide.

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