



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Four New Members Join Board of Directors for Rochester Area Community Foundation

Rochester, NY — Four new board members joined the Community Foundation board of directors on April 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

The new directors are **Mollene Benison, CPA, Abigail J. Bennett, Ann M. McCormick, and Hector Ureña, Jr.**

A partner at the accounting firm of DeJoy, Knauf & Blood, LLP, Benison has 15-plus years in public accounting. Her community involvement includes serving on the board and audit committee at the Geneseo Foundation and the SUNY Geneseo Business Advisory Council, and she is also a member of the investment committee for the YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County. A resident of Chili, she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Geneseo.

Bennett is a board member of the newly formed Sands Family Supporting Foundation at the Community Foundation. She worked for Constellation Brands in both the mergers and acquisitions group, as well as in sales finance, and transitioned briefly into the nonprofit world when she oversaw the accounting office at the Landmark Society of Western New York. Bennett, whose late mother was the sister of Constellation Brands owners and executives Richard and Robert Sands, has worked exclusively for the family and related entities since 2013. She lives in Pittsford with her husband and young daughter.

McCormick was executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of Home Properties, Inc. when it was sold in 2015. She had worked there since 1987. She is a past director of the Rochester Joint Schools Construction board and the board for Flower City Habitat for Humanity. McCormick currently serves on the board of St. Ann's of Greater Rochester, Inc. and was recently appointed to the compliance committee for Catholic Family Center. A graduate of Colgate University and Cornell University Law School, she lives in Rochester.

Ureña owns and operates four McDonald's franchises in greater Rochester, which employ more than 270 individuals. He serves on the boards of Greece Community Broadcasting and the Villa of Hope, and has held board positions with Greece Rotary and the Ronald McDonald House. He was honored as Business Person of the Year by the Greece Chamber in 2007,

and received a Ronald Award from McDonald's Corp., given annually to 1 percent of the world's franchisees. A native of the Albany area, Ureña lives in Penfield.

We are grateful for the dedicated service of the following board members, who retired this year: Hoffman Moka Lantum; Jinny Loomis; Kathy Nixon; and Kevin Parker. Board member David Still is chair-elect,

Four board members retired this year: Hoffman Moka Lantum, MD, PhD, Laura "Jinny" Loomis, Kathy Nixon, and Kevin Parker, PhD.

The board also voted to appoint David Still as chair-elect. A board member since 2009, Still will become board chair on April 1, 2017, succeeding José Coronas.

As one of greater Rochester's largest grantmaking foundations, the Community Foundation engages philanthropists and community partners in improving our eight-county region through grants and initiatives that address new broad goals of equity and vitality. Since 1972, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$379 million in grants and scholarships. For additional information, visit www.racf.org.

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