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Middletown Community Foundation to Welcome New Executive Director

Middletown OH – The Middletown Community Foundation Board of Trustees recently announced the appointment of Dr. Sarah Nathan as new Executive Director. Nathan’s hiring comes after current Executive Director, Traci Barnett, announced her retirement at year’s end. The Board conducted a nationwide search and is pleased to announce that

Dr. Nathan will be joining the Foundation officially on December 6, 2021.

“We were fortunate to have many excellent candidates,” says Board President John Kiser. “Dr. Nathan’s extensive knowledge in Philanthropy and Fundraising allowed her to quickly rise to the top of our candidate pool. We are confident Dr. Nathan will continue building upon the success Traci Barnett achieved for our foundation as well as help guide us as we continue to grow in both endowment and impact to our community.”

Nathan currently leads Northfield Shares, the community foundation of Northfield, Minnesota. Previously she served as the Associate Director of The Fund Raising School where she managed all aspects of the curriculum designed for fundraising practitioners. Prior to that she was assistant professor of nonprofit management and philanthropy at Bay Path University where she taught and advised online graduate students in the Masters of Nonprofit Management and Strategic Fundraising degree programs.

“I’m excited to join the Middletown Community Foundation family,” says Nathan. “The Foundation has established itself as a leader in the community and a catalyst for positive change that excites me as I prepare to come on board. I look forward to working alongside the board, staff, and committed volunteers to activate generosity that will enhance this area for generations to come.”

Dr. Nathan and her family will be relocating to the area. As an avid Girl Scout, she looks forward to finding her place with a local troop where she can volunteer her time and energy in helping to guide young leaders.

Nathan and current Executive Director Traci Barnett will be working cooperatively towards a smooth transition until the end of 2021.

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