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Heartland Foundation announces new Board of Trustees Members

St. Joseph, Mo. (January 22, 2016) – Heartland Foundation is pleased to announce several new members as well as their 2016 officers serving on the community-led board of trustees for its nonprofit public charity. New members who were approved and have accepted the commitment to serve the mission of being a champion of education and empowering people include the following:

Col. Ed Black, USAF, vice commander, 139th Airlift Wing, Missouri Air National Guard and resident of Atchison, Kan.; Julie Gaddie, Ph.D., principal of Lindbergh Elementary School and senior associate faculty member of Creighton University and St. Joseph, Mo. resident; Emily Hilsabeck, CPA, principal and tax manager with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and St. Joseph, Mo. resident; Larry Lee, director of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Northwest Missouri State University and involved in both Maryville, Mo. and St. Joseph, Mo.; Kyle Malter, DVM MPH DACVPM, technical manager of the Pet Division of Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. and involved in both Smithville, Mo. and St. Joseph, Mo.; and, Shane McDonald, CTFA, vice president of Commerce Trust Company and resident of St. Joseph, Mo.

Incumbent trustees Carol Burns, a community volunteer, and Tom Richmond, parts

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manager for Altec industries, both of St. Joseph, Mo., were re-elected to another three-year term. And, Robert Newhart, Ed.D., superintendent of the St. Joseph School District, is serving as an education advisor to the Heartland Foundation board of trustees for a one-year term.

Filling the chairperson role for 2016 is Jeanne Daffron, provost and vice president of academic affairs for Missouri Western State University. Steve Johnston, director of the Community Alliance of St. Joseph, is serving as the first vice chairperson and Bill Grimwood, SAP projects manager for Hillyard Companies, is serving as the second vice chairperson. Dr. Mark Laney is the chief executive officer, Mosaic Life Care; Judith K. Sabbert, CFRE, is the president of Heartland Foundation; and, John P. Wilson, chief financial officer of Mosaic Life Care, is serving as Heartland Foundation's secretary/treasurer. All officers currently reside in St. Joseph, Mo.

At the December 2015 meeting two outgoing trustees who have a long record of dedicated service with an interest in the continued work of Heartland Foundation were unanimously approved as life trustees for the organization. Jo Eyberg, a retired partner of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, and Joseph K. Houts, Jr., J.D., a senior VP/community development officer for Commerce Bank are both now life trustees. Both Eyberg and Houts are residents of St. Joseph, Mo.

Serving as a catalyst, convener, innovator, and connector, Heartland Foundation is a public charity dedicated to championing education and empowering people to build healthy and thriving communities. Founded in 1982 and leading the region's Healthy Communities movement since 1994. Learn more about Heartland Foundation's initiatives, programs, grants, and scholarships by calling 816.271.7200 (800.447.1083) or visiting www.heartlandfoundation.org.

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