

Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron Announces Appointment of its Chief Development Officer

AKRON, OH — Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron (“Trailhead”) is pleased to announce the selection of Julie A. Weagraff, MNO, CFRE as its Chief Development Officer.

Weagraff will lead the Foundation’s fundraising and development strategy, including donor engagement and giving initiatives involving individuals, corporate, foundation, and government partnerships. She will work closely with Trailhead’s leadership team and Board of Directors to shape and execute the Foundation’s long-term philanthropic strategy and build a strong and sustainable support base for Trailhead’s mission to advance health and wellness across Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne counties.

“We are thrilled to welcome Julie to Trailhead,” said Tracy Carter, Trailhead’s President and CEO. “Julie brings a proven track record of fundraising leadership, and a passion for building relationships that drive meaningful impact for individuals and organizations. Her leadership will be instrumental as we expand our philanthropic efforts and strengthen our engagement across the region.”

“I am honored to join Trailhead at such an important stage in its growth,” Weagraff said. “I look forward to partnering with various community leaders, donors, and organizations to advance Trailhead’s mission and create lasting improvements in health and wellness across the Greater Akron region.”

Weagraff has more than two decades of nonprofit leadership experience, with a focus on fundraising strategy, relationship development, and organizational growth. Most recently, she served as Chief Development Officer at Girl Scouts of North East Ohio, where she provided strategic direction for all fund development activities and led efforts to raise more than \$3 million annually. Weagraff also led successful capital campaigns for the Vivian von Gruenigen, MD, STEM Center of Excellence and the Jane Norton Girl Scout DreamLab securing multiple seven-figure gifts and building strong partnerships with public and private stakeholders.

Prior to her time with Girl Scouts, Weagraff held senior development roles with Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, Case Western Reserve University, and the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges. Across these roles, she managed major gift portfolios, led planned giving initiatives, and supported large-scale fundraising campaigns and events, working closely with executive leadership and boards to develop and implement long-term fundraising strategies.

A recognized leader in the nonprofit community, Weagraff holds a Master of Nonprofit Organizations from Case Western Reserve University and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from Westminster College. She is a Certified Fund-Raising Executive and an active leader in several professional and community organizations. She has been recognized as a Notable Leader in Philanthropy by Crain’s Cleveland Business and was a finalist for the ATHENA Akron Women’s Leadership Award.

For additional information regarding Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron, please visit trailheadhealthfoundation.org.

About Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron

Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health and wellness across Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties. Trailhead supports initiatives that expand access to care, promote preventive health, and address the social determinants of health that impact individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio.