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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS
AND NEW CHAIRMAN**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. –The Community Foundation of North Central Florida is pleased to announce that Cynthia Curry and Corinne LaRoche will be joining the Board of Directors. Jeff Hagen is currently the City Manager for the City of Gainesville and Corinne LaRoche is a Certified Public Accountant at James Moore & Company specializing in nonprofits. Both Curry and LaRoche bring extensive experience in nonprofit and foundation management to the Community Foundation.

In addition, the Board of Directors welcomes a new Chairwoman, Dr. Maggie Labarta. In her new role, Dr. Labarta will act as a link between the board and the Community Foundation in serving as a catalyst for philanthropy within North Central Florida. She will work towards promoting partnerships between nonprofit organizations through her leadership role.

“2023 is a pivotal year for our Community Foundation as we celebrate our 25th anniversary,” Barzella Papa, president and CEO of the Foundation, said. “We are excited about the expertise our newest directors bring to the table, and we look forward to the next phase of our Foundation under Dr. Labarta’s leadership.”

The Community Foundation of North Central Florida, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is a permanent charitable endowment, developed and sustained by individuals from all over our community. The Foundation assists donors, both individuals

and organizations, with long-range planning of their support for charities in our community. The Foundation provides information, ideas, professional advice and personalized assistance to help donors realize their charitable goals. The Foundation manages more than 120 funds and more than \$58 million in assets and planned gifts. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$40 million in grants. Contributions to a fund qualify for maximum deductibility for income, gift, and estate tax purposes. For more information or to make a contribution, call the Community Foundation of North Central Florida at 352-367-0060 or visit their website at www.cfncf.org.