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ROCHESTER AREA FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS

The Rochester Area Foundation (RAF) has two new faces acquainting themselves with the organization. Brad Schmidt is the incoming Treasurer on the Board of Trustees and Anneka Fallenstein will join as the foundation's Administrative Assistant.

The position of Treasurer for the Foundation became available as long time board member Tom Wenté's term limit arrived. "Tom served this organization for many years and we are so grateful for his work on our behalf. The Foundation is in a better place because of his work and we thank him for it," said RAF president JoAnn Stormer. "We are honored that Brad Schmidt has accepted this critical role and we are looking forward to his experience and guidance on our finances." she said.

Brad retired in 2014 after 27 years at Mayo Clinic, servicing in numerous positions and most recently as the CFO of Mayo Clinic in Rochester and CFO of the Mayo Clinic Health System. He is currently the Treasurer of the DMC Economic Development Agency Rochester and serves as board member for the Spider Chain of Lakes Association in Hayward, WI where he loves to fish and enjoy the great outdoors.

Anneka Fallenstein is the foundation's new Administrative Assistant and a native of Rochester. "Anneka is dedicated to her hometown community and her being originally from this area will allow her to excel with us," said Stormer. "She is the first person our donors and community partners see and interact with, and we are glad we have her on board," she said.

Anneka is a recent graduate of North Dakota University with a degree in Public Administration and graduated from John Marshall High School in 2010. She also volunteered as a track coach for her alma mater and is looking forward to helping the foundation carry out its mission of building better communities for all.

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