



The Community Foundation Welcomes Ryan A. Schwartz As Chairman of the Board

Michael R. Meyers and Julia W. Taylor Elected as Trustees

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – January 3, 2018 — Ryan A. Schwartz, chief operating officer of US Assure, has begun a two-year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. Schwartz has been a Foundation trustee since 2011 and served as Chair of the Finance Committee from 2013 through 2016. Schwartz has also chaired the boards of the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Ronald McDonald House Charities Jacksonville and the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida.

Also, two long-time community leaders have joined the board for 2018-2020: Michael R. Meyers and Julia W. Taylor, replacing Trustees Tracey Westbrook and Jim Winston, who rotated off the board at the end of 2017. Westbrook served for 11 years and Winston served for five years.

Michael Meyers, trained as a lawyer, is an active board member for and trusted advisor to many for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. In 2016, Mr. Meyers retired after 23 years at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, an international law firm where he practiced corporate and finance law, mostly in the energy sector.

In the non-profit arena, he currently serves as the President of the LGBT Community Fund for Northeast Florida (an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida) and as a board member of the ACLU of Florida, and the Peter Michael Foundation (a 501(c)(3) focused on prostate cancer research and treatment). In the for-profit sector, Mr. Meyers serves as a director of the Peter Michael Winery, a premium California winery, and as a Managing Member of ML Venture Investments, a family company.

Ms. Taylor has had an active career in both the private and non-profit sectors, including Director of Community Affairs, UNF College of Business and Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement at UNF; State Director of Development, PACE Center for Girls, Inc.; and Director, Boutique and Agenda, Stein Mart, Inc.

She currently chairs Barnabas Center, Inc.'s Endowment Campaign; and is a member of the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center Leadership Council and the Board of Directors of the Children's Campaign, a statewide advocacy organization. Previously, she served as President of the Women's Giving Alliance (also an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida) and the Junior League of Jacksonville, Inc. Julia has chaired the boards of The Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Barnabas, Inc., and the State of Florida Guardian ad Litem, Fourth Judicial Circuit. She was a board member of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association and of Leadership Jacksonville, and was first vice president, Association of Junior Leagues International. She is a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville, Inc. and Leadership Florida, Inc.

Ms. Taylor received the EVE Award for Community Service and the Junior League's Tillie K. Fowler Award for Community Service; she was also named a "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council-Northeast Florida.

Mr. Meyers and Ms. Taylor join Martha Baker, Dr. Solomon Brotman, Peggy Bryan, the Honorable Brian J. Davis, Michael DuBow, Deborah Pass Durham, Barbara Harrell, Robert Hill, Jr., Paul Perez, Madeline



Scales-Taylor, Ryan Schwartz, Richard Siskey and Dori Walton as trustees of The Community Foundation. For more information, go to www.jaxcf.org/board.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Created in 1964, the Foundation has assets of \$343 million and has made nearly \$410 million in grants since inception.

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