



Stephanie Garry Garfunkel Named as VP, Strategic Communications for The Community Foundation

She will succeed Susan Datz Edelman, who is retiring on December 31, 2022

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – October 20, 2022 -- Seasoned nonprofit communicator and respected community advocate Stephanie Garry Garfunkel has been selected as The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida’s next VP, Strategic Communications. Stephanie will lead the organization’s strategic communications efforts when the current VP, Strategic Communications, Susan Datz Edelman, retires at the end of the year.

Stephanie has more than 15 years of communications experience, most recently as Director, Knowledge Management & Communications for Impact Florida. Prior to that, she was Director of Communications & Advocacy for the Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF). She has a strong editorial background, having been a staff writer for the Tampa Bay Times and a Senior Managing Editor for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Boston, MA.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Stephanie to The Community Foundation executive team,” noted Nina Waters, president, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. “We have witnessed Stephanie’s professional excellence firsthand through our close association with JPEF, and we are confident that her leadership will be invaluable as we lean into our more public and powerful commitment to civic leadership as outlined in our strategic plan.”

Stephanie is originally from Citrus County, FL. She holds a Masters of Arts in Communications from Johns Hopkins University, and a dual degree Bachelor of Arts and Science, English and Journalism from the University of Florida. Locally, she is a 2021 Hightower Fellow for Emerging Leaders (Jax Chamber); she serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Jacksonville Tributary and is a member of the Board of Directors, The Cathedral School. She’s also a volunteer with 904WARD and Riverfront Parks Now. Stephanie, her husband David Garfunkel and their two daughters live in Murray Hill.

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 had \$630 million in assets at 12/31/2021 and has made approximately \$640 million in grants since inception.

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