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### **Crook County Foundation Names Gwen Carr as New Executive Director**



The Crook County Foundation (CCF) is proud to announce the hiring of Gwen Carr as its new Executive Director, following a competitive search process. Carr brings a unique combination of nonprofit leadership, business development, and deep community roots. This month, she officially steps into the position, becoming the Foundation's first full-time executive.

Carr has spent her career building partnerships, strengthening community programs, and leading with heart and strategy. Her background includes extensive work with nonprofits, successful fundraising and donor engagement campaigns, and business leadership with Rosendin and Starbucks. She is a past board member of the Crook County School District and currently serves on the board of the High Desert Education Service District. Carr has long been active in local education, athletics, and community development efforts.

"Gwen brings a deep love for Crook County, strong leadership skills, and a fresh vision for how the Foundation can grow its impact," said Steve Waring, Board Chair of the Crook County Foundation. "Her collaborative spirit, fundraising experience, and commitment to serving people are exactly what we need as we enter this exciting next chapter."

In her new role, Carr will oversee the Foundation's programs supporting arts and culture, education, leadership development, and community vitality—including its scholarship program, fiscal sponsorships, and summer concert series. She will also focus on expanding community engagement and developing sustainable funding strategies to ensure the Foundation's long-term health.

“This is more than just a professional opportunity—it’s personal,” said Carr. “I believe in the power of rural communities and in what we can accomplish when we come together. I’m honored to help lead this next chapter for the Crook County Foundation and can’t wait to get to work.”

The Crook County Foundation was founded in 1998 by the City of Prineville, Crook County, Crook County School District, Crook County Parks and Recreation District, and the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce. It is governed by a board of directors representing the founding partners and community members at large.

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