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Boone joins Pallottine Foundation as Senior Program Officer

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- The vision of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters continues to grow.

The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington recently hired a new employee as Senior Program Officer. Laura Boone will implement and manage the grant initiatives for the Pallottine Foundations of Huntington and Buckhannon.

Boone's experience centers on grant program design and oversight, health programming and policy development, and advocacy.

"I am excited about the opportunity to continue the Pallottine Sisters' mission of serving our communities' healthcare needs," Boone said. "Additionally, I am eager to grow the Foundation's role as a significant and effective community partner in addressing healthcare challenges."

Boone worked for more than eight years at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission overseeing state programming and policy related to rural health workforce development. Previously, she served as the Director of the West Virginia Long Term Care Partnership, a statewide initiative facilitating collaboration and policy development by professionals working in geriatrics and long-term care.

Prior to moving to West Virginia, Laura was employed as a state policy analyst for the national Alzheimer's Association, where she worked with state chapters in advancing Alzheimer policy

issues before state legislatures and agencies. Boone earned her undergraduate degree in government from Colby College and is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law.

“We feel very fortunate that Laura has chosen to join our team as Senior Program Officer,” said Janell E. Ray, Pallottine Foundation Chief Executive Officer. “We are confident that Laura’s depth of experience will play a key role in building our grantmaking programs and moving the Foundation forward in our mission to improve the health of our community.”

The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington was founded in 2017 to continue the legacy of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters. The Sisters’ work in Huntington began in 1924 with the formation of St. Mary’s Medical Center. The Pallottine Foundation supports transformative health initiatives that empower all individuals to lead lives of optimal health, self-reliance, and self-respect, and to foster systemic change and collaborative impact in our community.

In addition, the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington staff manages the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon. The Sisters’ work in Buckhannon began 1921 with the formation of St. Joseph’s Hospital and now continues with the creation of the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon in 2015.

Specifically, the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington serves 20 counties in the Tri-State and has identified five broad areas of funding priorities:

- Core Initiatives: Food Insecurity, Mental and Behavioral Health, Substance Use Disorder, Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation
- Capacity Building
- General Health Initiatives

The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington will open its second round of grants in January 2020.

For more information about the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, visit www.pallottinehuntington.org or contact Janell E. Ray at 304-397-5955. To learn more about the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon, visit www.pallottinebuckhannon.org.

The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington was established with proceeds from the sale of St. Mary’s Medical Center, and continues the legacy established by the Pallottine Missionary Sisters of caring for the spiritual, emotional and physical health of those in the region. The Foundation focuses its efforts on four primary areas: food insecurity, mental and behavioral health, substance abuse disorder, and tobacco cessation. Its service area includes Boone, Cabell, Mason, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Wayne and Western Putnam Counties in West Virginia; Gallia, Lawrence and Scioto counties in Ohio; and Boyd, Carter, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Martin and Pike counties in Kentucky.

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Attachments: Laura Boone headshot and biography