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## **The Ford Family Foundation president and CEO retires after a decade of strategic leadership**

*Anne C. Kubisch cements her legacy as a lifelong community builder and tireless advocate for the children and families of Oregon and Siskiyou County, Calif.*

Roseburg, Ore. – This past month, Anne Kubisch, a lifelong community builder who served as a transformational leader of The Ford Family Foundation headquartered in Roseburg, Oregon, stepped into her retirement. Since joining the Foundation in 2013, Anne has worked tirelessly to build content expertise and strategy across the Foundation’s programs, grow community supports and staff capacities to serve its rural region, and lead a multi-year strategic planning process and launch a 10-year plan.

“Anne took this organization to the next level,” said Toby Luther, board chair of The Ford Family Foundation. “She worked to align community, staff and Board visions in setting goals for how the Foundation will serve rural children and their families.”

Anne continued the Foundation’s legacy of being present to meet community needs, whatever they may be. During her tenure, she oversaw emergency grantmaking to support rural nonprofits meeting basic needs of people during COVID-19 and for those who were displaced due to wildfires and other natural disasters, like flooding on the Coast and hailstorms in Wallowa County. Anne consistently pushed to ensure the Foundation is as responsive as possible – showing up in community, opening our doors and getting dollars and other supports out in timely ways.

Under Anne’s leadership, community building came to influence all of the Foundation’s work – being integrated in every aspect of grantmaking and leading to the creation of dozens of new roles, including Field Coordinators, who work within their communities and extend the Foundation’s reach and learning across the rural region it serves.



Among Foundation staff, Anne will be remembered as people-focused, heart-centered leader. Aden Bliss, chief financial and operating officer reflected, “Anne continually reminds us that showing up matters. All of our resources are here to be deployed for our communities.”

As Anne retires, Kara Carlisle steps into the role of Foundation president and CEO. [Learn more about Kara](#) and her hopes for serving the communities of Oregon and Siskiyou County, Calif.

### **About The Ford Family Foundation**

The Ford Family Foundation believes in the power of rural communities. It is a private, nonprofit foundation proudly headquartered in Roseburg, Oregon, serving rural Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. Its investments through grants, scholarships and community building create the conditions so that children have the family, educational and community supports they need to succeed in life. [www.tfff.org](http://www.tfff.org)

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