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Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Bay Community Funds Hire Oppedahl

Bayfield, Wisconsin – April 23, 2020– Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Bay Community Funds Hire Ruth Oppedahl as Affiliate Officer

Oppedahl brings with her twenty-nine years of experience in nonprofit organizations, development and grant-making. Oppedahl holds a B.A. from Carleton College and an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

In her role prior to joining Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Bay Community Funds, as Executive Director of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin Oppedahl increased conservation funding, implemented the Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund, led a $1 million operating fund campaign, and doubled grant-making for environmental education. With the Bayfield Regional Conservancy, Oppedahl coordinated the protection of Mt. Ashwabay trail system and the Farmland Preservation Program in the orchards of Bayfield. Oppedahl also served the Madeline Islands Wilderness Preserve and the Lake Superior Partnership Team with the University of Wisconsin Extension. In 2015 Oppedahl solo paddled the Wisconsin River to bring attention to cuts in funding to conservation organizations and State Parks meeting with media and citizens along the way.

At the Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Bay Community Funds Oppedahl will support the local Advisory Board on grant-making and facilitate donors’ visions for charitable giving for the region.

Mary O’Brien, Chair of Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Bay Community Funds, said "Ruth is the ideal director to lead us into this renewed era for our Community Funds. Her seasoned expertise, extensive network, and long history of partnerships in the Chequamegon Bay is an invaluable resource. We are so fortunate that Ruth has come home to this region and our board is thrilled to be working with her!"

More information about Ruth Oppedahl is available at the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation’s Staff page at https://www.dsacommunityfoundation.org/staff

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation promotes private giving for the public good. For more information, contact Ruth Oppedahl at 715-449-8080.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:
The Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Community Funds were established in 2000 and 2011 respectively. The Funds are administered by the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation.

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation was established in 1983 by visionary community leaders. We are a collection of hundreds of endowed funds established by individuals, families, private foundations, and businesses to enhance the quality of life in our region. Since our inception, we have distributed more than $60 million in grants and scholarships and currently administer over 430 different funds, each with its own charitable purpose.

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