



Sisters Health Foundation

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Paul D. Daugherty, President & CEO
Board of Directors
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Dear Paul and Members of the Board:

I am submitting this correspondence to you as my resignation from Philanthropy WV's Board of Directors. As you may have heard me mention, my mother successfully received a Medicaid waiver for assisted living because of Alzheimer but I am still in the midst of settling/managing her affairs, commuting frequently to northern Ohio. Also, this year is a year of expansion and transition for SHF: we have taken on the back-office grants management function for a grants fund of the Congregation of St. Joseph (our sponsor). In planning for this, as well as in support of other planned initiatives for the year, we hired a capable new grants manager, promoting our current GM to focus on expanded/special projects. However, like all grand designs, this one developed a big knot: our GM will be on maternity leave through much of the fall—through parallel major grant cycles, as well as being down to two staff due to other activities. At the same time, SHF is actively moving forward in our transition planning. In March, in accepting to serve on the board for another term it seemed doable, but recent developments have convinced me that these issues require my full attention and it is for this reason that I must step back from the board at this time.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause the board members of Philanthropy WV. I am more than willing to assist in wrapping up my duties and helping my replacement get up to speed on the position. This organization has incredible potential for advancing the effectiveness of the sector and impacting on the well-being of the communities we serve and I will continue to support and promote its efforts. I am grateful for the experience of knowing and working with each of you. Should you need anything further from me, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Drennan
Executive Director