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Nashville Parks Foundation names Louise C. Bryan as New President and CEO

Community volunteer and advocate takes new leadership role creating equitable support to Metro's 178 parks and 27 community centers.

Nashville, Tennessee, October 22, 2021—Today, the **Nashville Parks Foundation** (NPF) named Louise C. Bryan as President and Chief Executive Officer. The organization partners with Metro Parks and Recreation to ensure that every resident of Davidson County has access to nature and programs through a thriving park system. Bryan succeeds Gretchen Pritchett, who has led NPF since 2019, and recently announced her retirement.

“Louise brings a combination of financial, marketing and mission focus to the Nashville Parks Foundation. She has strong experience in community engagement and this position will be a culmination of her success in working with local nonprofits throughout the city. We are excited to partner with Louise in realizing the potential of the Foundation, ” said NPF Board President Kabir Sandhu.

“Great cities are known by their architectural design, economic prowess, and natural resources. Nashville has built an iconic skyline and sustains a vibrant economy. Our focus will be on investing in verdant space for everyone’s enjoyment. Parks serve a vital purpose by creating destinations for well-being and activity. Nashville’s long-term prosperity will depend on the city’s investment in the park system,” Bryan said.

A recent Foundation project includes the completion of [Watkins Pump Track](#) and current partnerships with Park at Madison Station, Fort Negley Master Plan, and Frankie Pierce Park. Bryan will be responsible for developing innovative approaches to philanthropy, advocacy and community partnerships.

ABOUT NASHVILLE PARKS FOUNDATION

NPF exists to enhance public parks, promote sustainable growth of the park system and expand recreational opportunities in Davidson County.

NPF creates partnerships in the public and private sectors to support funding for Metro's parks and community centers. The approach of "Projects through Partnerships" involves local organizations in identifying needs, assessing fundraising viability and completing projects through partner engagement. These partners may include grass roots community organizations, individual donors, corporate sponsors, local government and grantors.

The goal with every NPF initiative is to advance the health and well-being of residents, build amenities which may be used by all citizens and promote community building to create a prosperous city.

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