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The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders Announces New Executive Director and Board of Directors Changes

Tulsa, OK— The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders announces the selection of Melissa Bryce Gamble as its first executive director, the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors, as well as the transition of longtime board member, Mousumi Bose PhD, from its Board of Directors to the GFPD Scientific Advisory Board.

The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders, a nonprofit, public charity that funds and promotes peroxisome disorder research as well as provides support to patients with peroxisomal disorders and their families, has announced the selection of Melissa Bryce Gamble as its first executive director. “We are pleased to make this announcement,” says Heidi Harris, Vice Chair of the GFPD. “Mrs. Gamble has been so intimately in touch with the day-to-day operations of the GFPD for the last seven years, she is the ideal choice for this role as we seek to strengthen our support of our patient and scientific communities and deepen relationships in the rare disease space.”

Joining the Board of Directors of the GFPD in 2018 are Kristen Schooley, Director of Wellness at Montereau, Kilian Bryce J.D., Supervisor of Joint Venture Planning and Marketing at Magellan Midstream Partners and David Lapidus, President, LapidusData, Inc, and Mike Collier, Chief Meteorologist at KJRH Channel 2, Tulsa.

“Our Board of Directors has always been a dynamic, hard-working group. We’re grateful for the service of our returning members and we are excited to bring in four new Board members this year,” said Mrs. Gamble. “Kristen, David, Mike, and Kilian bring with them years of experience in the rare disease space as well as service on other nonprofit boards. We look forward to having their talent, energy, new ideas, and expertise fuel the next phase of the GFPD.”

After serving five years on the GFPD Board of Directors, Dr. Mousumi Bose will transition from the Board of Directors to the GFPD Scientific Advisory Board. For the last five years, Dr. Bose has carefully guided the scientific initiatives of the GFPD, including the publishing of treatment guidelines for peroxisomal biogenesis disorders in the Zellweger Spectrum. “We are grateful that Dr. Bose has shared her scientific knowledge with the GFPD community and look forward to continuing to collaborate with her for years to come as a member of the Scientific Advisory Board,” said Jen Kerckhoff, GFPD Board Chair.

The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders is an international nonprofit organization headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The mission of the GFPD is to fund and promote peroxisome disorder research and to assist families and professionals through educational programs and support services related to Zellweger spectrum disorders.

For more information about The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders call 347-470-4373 or visit www.thegfpd.org

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