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## **Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Announces New Trustee**

The Foundation Thanks Departing Trustee Dr. John E. Repine and Welcomes Kent Rice

**Denver, CO (February 6, 2019)** – Denver-based Bonfils-Stanton Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Kent A. Rice, former Executive Director of Denver Arts & Venues, as Trustee and the departure of John E. Repine, M.D. who recently stepped down after 17 years of dedicated service. Dr. Repine resigned his position late last year writing, "It was a great honor for me to be associated with the Foundation, which is doing so much to advance the arts in our community."

Harold R. Logan, Jr., Chairman of the Board shared, "We are so grateful to John for his many contributions and institutional memory as a Foundation trustee. He will always be a part of the BSF family and we wish him continued success with his innovative biomedical research at Webb-Waring Center."

While it is never fun to say goodbye, "We are thrilled that Kent Rice is joining our board! He will bring a tremendous level of expertise to the work of Bonfils-Stanton Foundation," says Gary Steuer, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation's President and CEO. "Kent's deep knowledge of Denver's arts and cultural landscape will certainly be an invaluable asset to the Foundation as we strive to foster a creative, inspiring, and connected community in the Denver region."

Kent A. Rice has more than 30 years as a chief executive in domestic and international arenas, working in publicly traded corporations, for the public sector and with nonprofits. Most recently, Rice served eight years as Executive Director of Denver Arts & Venues. Earlier, he was CEO of two companies owned by Liberty Media: Starz Animation and International Channel Networks. He was also Chief Operating Officer of a Norwegian media company and a Division President for Time Warner Cable. Rice has served on boards of two private corporations and six nonprofits. He was awarded the Chevalier de Arts et Lettres for service to the French government and represented the US State Department as a board chair of the Open Broadcast Network in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Rice is a Denver native, with three degrees from Northwestern University: a BA and MA in psychology and an MBA in marketing.

When asked about his appointment, Mr. Rice shared, "I am excited to serve on the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Board! They are the only grantmaking organization in the region devoted exclusively to helping arts organizations grow and thrive. It's a perfect match for my decades-long interest in and support of the arts and artists."

**FOR THE MEDIA:** Interviews are available with President and CEO Gary Steuer. Contact **Erica Boniface** to get an interview on the books at [303.717.8246](tel:3037178246) or email [Erica@ColoradoMediaNetwork.com](mailto:Erica@ColoradoMediaNetwork.com).

### **ABOUT BONFILS-STANTON FOUNDATION:**

At Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, we believe that extraordinary arts and leadership are key to building a vibrant Colorado. Every day, we strategically invest in imagination and innovation, because cultivating the creative spark is vital to making our community an exciting place where people want to live, work and thrive. Since its founding, the Foundation has distributed over \$70 million in charitable contributions. Visit [bonfils-stantonfoundation.org](http://bonfils-stantonfoundation.org) for additional information.

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