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Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Announces New Trustee

The Foundation thanks departing trustee Denise O'Leary after 8 years of service and welcomes new member Melissa Cheong

DENVER, CO (*August 1, 2019*) – Denver-based nonprofit Bonfils-Stanton Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of <u>Melissa Cheong</u>, Managing Partner at Blackhorn Ventures, as Trustee and the departure of Denise O'Leary, who recently stepped down after eight years of devoted service.

"We are so honored to share eight wonderful years serving alongside Denise O'Leary. Her expertise and passion for our community helped shape the Foundation to where it's at today and we're so grateful for everything she brought to our work," states Harold R. Logan, Jr., Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Chairman of the Board. "While it's hard to say goodbye to Denise, we enthusiastically welcome Melissa Cheong to the Board of Trustees. She brings with her an abundance of experience working with foundations in the financial service sector - and we know she'll help elevate Bonfils-Stanton Foundation during her tenure. We look forward to Melissa's fresh and innovative ideas for the organization."

Melissa Cheong has been featured by "Trusted Insight" in 2017 and 2018 as one of the "Top 30 Family Office Chief Investment Officers" and is a frequent speaker and presenter at events and conferences on social and environmental impact investing issues.

She has helped to build and grow organizational platforms, allowing them to thoughtfully and efficiently deploy capital at scale. She has worked in various finance and investment roles with organizations such as Zoma Capital, Treehouse Investments, Imprint Capital, Plainfield Asset Management, Metzler Bank and Deutsche Bank. As a Managing Director at Imprint Capital, she worked with a broad range of family offices, foundations and financial institutions to build out customized mission-aligned social impact investment portfolios.

"I am excited to join an already great Board of Trustees for the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation," says Melissa Cheong. "I'm joining the board to become more involved in the local community and to support access to the arts for a diverse set of community members."

<u>For the Media:</u> Interviews are available with Gary Steuer, President and CEO of Bonfils-Stanton Foundation. Contact **Erica Boniface at 303-717-8246** or <u>Erica@ColoradoMediaNetwork.com.</u>

About the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation:

Every day, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation strategically invests 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 \$72 million in charitable contributions. Learn more at **Bonfils-StantonFoundation.org**.