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Martha Powell appointed CEO of London Community Foundation

LONDON – Martha Powell, a key member of London Community Foundation executive team for the past seven years, was named CEO yesterday.

Ms. Powell is a seasoned fundraising professional and long-time community volunteer. In her role at London Community Foundation, she worked closely with former CEO Libby Fowler to raise the profile of the Foundation, attract donors and volunteers and provide philanthropic leadership in the London community.

Ms. Powell was born in Montreal but has lived in London most of her life. She has held senior positions with London Health Sciences Foundation, the fundraising arm of London’s largest hospital, and The University of Western Ontario. She graduated from the Executive Leadership Program at the Richard Ivey School of Business in 2005.

As a committed volunteer, Ms. Powell has given her time to organizations such as board chair of Meals on Wheels London, Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Fanshawe Pioneer Village. She co-chaired the 2007 London YMCA Women of Excellence, one of London’s largest fundraising events.

“We were impressed with the large number of high quality applicants,” said Peter Kryworuk, Chair of the Board’s Selection Committee in making the announcement. “Selection was a rigorous process but we are pleased with the outcome and know that Martha - a woman of talent, integrity and exceptional leadership ability - will move the Foundation forward decisively.”

London Community Foundation Board Chair Dr. Lee Myers spoke on behalf of the Board in congratulating Ms. Powell and wishing her every success in her new role. “We are delighted to have a leader of Martha’s caliber,” she said. “She has an extensive knowledge of our community and the wide range of programs and areas in which the Foundation is engaged. The board looks forward with enthusiasm to working with her.”

“I’m thrilled to take on this new challenge,” said Ms. Powell. “I have always been passionate about the mission of London Community Foundation, and I know we have enormous potential. There is much to be done, and I can’t wait to get started!”

London Community Foundation is a public foundation serving donors and charities primarily in London and Middlesex County. The Foundation holds more than \$36 million in endowed funds, and has granted over \$13 million to charitable causes since 1979.

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