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## The Montclair Foundation Announces New Executive Director, Kay Sarlin Wright

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Montclair, NJ - The Board of Trustees of the Montclair Foundation (TMF) announced today that Kay Sarlin Wright has been selected to serve as the organization's new Executive Director. She will succeed Mark E. Packer who departed after a five-year tenure, earlier this year. After a six-month search that garnered extensive interest from a wide range of candidates, Sarlin Wright began her tenure on December 1st.

"We are delighted to welcome Kay Sarlin Wright as Executive Director of The Montclair Foundation," said Montclair Foundation Chair Cathy Garrity. "Kay brings invaluable experience from both the private and public sectors and is a very active and dedicated member of our community. We look forward to the new connections she'll bring,"

"I'm honored to serve as the Executive Director of The Montclair Foundation and to continue its legacy of supporting impactful nonprofits and providing access to a world-class public space," said Sarlin Wright. "As we continue to build on this strong foundation, I am committed to expanding programmatic opportunities and cultivating new connections to the Montclair community."

With a distinguished record of service across both the private and public sectors, Sarlin Wright brings extensive experience to her role and a strong commitment to impactful communication and effective leadership. Most recently, she led communications for the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY). Sarlin Wright has also served as the Head of Impact Communications at Audible and held key positions within city and state government, including roles at Empire State Development, the New York City Department of Transportation, and the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs. She is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and the Columbia University School of Journalism.

The Montclair Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that awards grants to charitable organizations in the greater Montclair area. Equally important to the Foundation is its commitment to the historic preservation of Van Vleck House & Gardens and the role it plays in the educational enrichment and cultural enjoyment of the community. The Foundation serves as a vehicle for those who wish to make lasting investments in our community's future through philanthropic contributions and bequests. For more information, please visit Montclairfoundation.org.