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Ashley, Plummer Named to State Association Board

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN), the state association of nonprofit organizations, has elected two new members to its board of directors: Jeff Ashley of Louisville, founder, president and senior consultant of Ashley|Rountree, and Ellen “Nan” Plummer of Lexington, president and CEO of LexArts.

Ashley brings nearly 30 years of experience to KNN’s twelve-member board. Prior to founding Ashley|Rountree in 2002, he served as the Vice President for university advancement for Spalding University and director of major gifts for the University of Louisville. Ashley|Rountree works with organizations throughout the community and region to improve their management operations and comprehensive fund development programs, while also partnering to provide searches for leadership positions across a variety of sectors. Ashley currently serves on the Regional Cancer Center (James Graham Brown Cancer Center) Board of Directors, chairing the Philanthropy Committee; the University of Kentucky National Philanthropy Leadership Council, chairing the College of Communication & Information Campaign Committee; the University of Kentucky College of Communication & Information Dean’s Advisory Board; and the Portland Promise Center Board of Advisors. Jeff is also adjunct faculty for the University of Louisville’s College of Business, annually teaching a MBA class in nonprofit management. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism and earned a Master of Arts in Business from Webster University.

Plummer, likewise, brings extensive experience to the KNN board. Prior to coming to Lexington to lead LexArts, greater Lexington's premier cultural development, advocacy and fund raising organization, she was a senior development officer for major gifts at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. Plummer served as executive director of the Arkansas Arts Center, the state’s oldest art museum, and as head of education at the Toledo Museum of Art. She was also assistant director for programs at the University of Michigan Museum of Art and executive director of Artrain, a mobile museum. She taught graduate and undergraduate courses in nonprofit management, museum practice, and development at the University of Michigan, the University of Toledo and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She holds the Certified Fund Raising Executive credential and earned an MA and PhD in the history of art as well as an MBA at the University of Michigan. She is a graduate of the 2016 class of Leadership Lexington.

Lori Flanery, president and CEO of New Directions Housing Corporation of Louisville was elected as KNN’s new chair. Florence Tandy, founder and CEO of Leadership Bridges of Crittenden, was newly elected as secretary. Other officers include Eileen O’Brien, partner of Stoll Keenon Ogden of Lexington, vice-chair; Steve Jennings, managing partner of Crowe LLC of Lexington, treasurer; and Russell Harper, senior director of state government affairs, Aetna Better Health of Kentucky of Louisville, public policy committee chair.

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About Kentucky Nonprofit Network: KNN is the state association of nonprofits, existing to strengthen and advance Kentucky's nonprofit community. The association serves as a resource for nonprofit leaders, board members and other volunteers, an information center on effective nonprofit management practices, and an advocate for the nonprofit sector. For more information, visit <http://www.kynonprofits.org>.

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