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Dear friend of Thrive,

We are writing to announce the upcoming departure of Nicole Taylor, CEO, to take a position at Stanford University. In the interim, Thrive Foundation for Youth will be led by Interim Managing Director, Kelley D. Gulley and Executive Chair, Dana M. Nunn. The Foundation will begin a search for a new President and CEO immediately.

We are grateful to Nicole for her service to Thrive and wish her well in her new position at Stanford University.

We remain committed to our mission: increasing the presence and impact of caring adults in the lives of disadvantaged youth. We will continue supporting organizations in this country that are making a difference through relationships between youth and caring adults. We will also continue to seek partnership opportunities with other funders and organizations.

Design thinking and innovation will remain integral to our work. We are well into the design process with some promising concepts and we believe these approaches have the potential to impact millions of youth across the nation.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of [Kelley D. Gulley](#) as Thrive Foundation's Interim Managing Director. In her expanded role, Kelley will manage the day-to-day affairs of the foundation as well as continue to manage the grants program. [Dana M. Nunn](#), in her role as Executive Chair, will work in partnership with Kelley and the Thrive Board of Trustees to ensure the success of our strategic direction.

We have full confidence in our senior staff to continue their impressive efforts. [Cynthia Benjamin](#), Director of Design and Innovation, [Peter L. Samuelson](#), Director of Research and Evaluation, [Deirdre Graham](#), Manager, Grants & Operations, and [Chanthi Lune](#), Director of Finance, Investments and Administration will continue their work to move our grants, research and innovations forward.

We wish Nicole the best as she embarks on this unique opportunity as an Associate Provost of Student Affairs and the Dean of Community Engagement and Diversity at Stanford University. Her outstanding leadership was essential in transforming Thrive into the innovative place it is today. Thrive Foundation for Youth's founders, Bob and Dottie King, have a long relationship with Stanford University, including their creation of the Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies (Stanford SEED) and their interest in bettering the world for disadvantaged people. Given this relationship, Nicole will continue as a close colleague and ally.

Please feel free to contact [Kelley](#) or [myself](#) with any questions or thoughts you might want to share. We look forward to continuing our work to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana M. Nunn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dana M. Nunn, Executive Chair
Thrive Foundation for Youth