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Foundation Hires Andrea Myers as Development Director

The Arboretum Foundation is pleased to announce the hiring of Andrea Myers as its new, full-time Director of Development. Following the departure of our part-time Director of Major Gifts, Julia Maywald, last month, we have restructured the Development Department in order to create a full-time director's position. Starting August 2nd, Andrea will take the helm of both our capital campaign and operations fundraising.

Andrea has a very impressive resume. Her most recent position has been as Assistant Dean of Nursing for Advancement & External Relations at the University of Washington, where she worked both with the Dean of the Nursing School and the UW Advancement Office. Prior to this, Andrea was Director of Development for 3½ years at Harborview and UW Medical Centers and was part of a team that helped raise more than \$1 billion for the UW Medicine departments. Before that, she was Director of Development for the Swedish Medical Center Foundation for nearly 10 years.

At Swedish, Andrea worked closely with Arboretum Foundation Board member Iris Wagner on fundraising events. "Andrea's a tenacious and talented fund raiser, and was a significant player at the Swedish Hospital Foundation," says Iris. "I look forward to her involvement at the Arboretum Foundation."

Andrea has a remarkable depth of experience working on major regional fundraising campaigns and brings with her a valuable personal knowledge of the Seattle donor community. We are also fortunate that she has spent so much time within the UW administration and will bring her knowledge of their fundraising systems and resources to us.

"As we work to accomplish the goal in our [strategic plan](#) to find ways to work more closely with our partners at UW Botanic Gardens, Andrea's relationships at the University and her insights about how to work with their staff will be invaluable," says Arboretum Foundation Executive Director Paige Miller. "And, of

course, I fully expect that she will provide a great boost to our efforts to meet the fundraising goals set forth in the plan.”

Fred Hoyt, Associate Director of the UW Botanic Gardens, has also expressed excitement about the hiring: “The University of Washington Botanic Gardens is looking forward to working with Andrea Myers in her capacity as the Develop Director for the Arboretum Foundation. We anticipate a lot of good cooperative work in the fundraising for the implementation of the Master Plan and the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Washington Park Arboretum.”

Along with being a top-class development professional, Andrea has a deep love for the outdoors and Seattle’s natural areas. “My family and I spend much of our free time enjoying the region’s parks and have always been big fans of the Arboretum,” says Andrea. “I am thrilled to be joining the Arboretum Foundation’s team to support the Arboretum in a new way.”

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