

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation Names Chris DeCardy Vice President and Director of Programs

LOS ALTOS, California—The David and Lucile Packard Foundation President and CEO Carol S. Larson announced the promotion of Foundation vice president and director of communications Chris DeCardy by the Foundation's Board of Trustees to the position of vice president and director of programs, effective January 1, 2010.

"Chris DeCardy is a vital contributor to the effectiveness of our Foundation, providing key leadership in all areas of our work," Larson said. "This promotion reflects his expanded role in providing strategic counsel to me, the Board and Programs as well as his significant influence in ensuring that all of our grantmaking activities have the greatest possible impact."

DeCardy joined the Foundation in 2002 as director of communications and was promoted to director of communications and program services in 2004. He was promoted again in 2006 to the position of vice president and director of communications where he has managed the integration of the Foundation's communications and evaluation functions as well as overseen organizational effectiveness, local grantmaking and program-related investments. He has led several cross-Foundation initiatives to improve program impact and worked closely with the president and CEO on day-to-day operations. In his new position, DeCardy will have day-to-day oversight of all Foundation grantmaking, providing program directors with strategic advice and assisting in implementation. He will continue to supervise the communications and evaluations functions as well as work with the CEO and Board on special grantmaking and other initiatives.

Prior to joining the Foundation, DeCardy worked for seven years at Environmental Media Services (EMS), first as associate director and then as executive director from 1998 to 2002. At EMS, he designed and implemented campaigns to improve and expand media coverage of environmental issues.

DeCardy holds a degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. DeCardy serves on the board of Northern California Grantmakers and in an advisory capacity to a number of nonprofit organizations.

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation is a private family foundation created in 1964 by David Packard (1912–1996), cofounder of the Hewlett-Packard Company, and Lucile Salter Packard (1914–1987). The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the following program areas: Conservation and Science; Population and Reproductive Health; and Children, Families, and Communities. The Foundation makes national and international grants and also has a special focus on the Northern California Counties of San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey. Foundation grantmaking includes support for a wide variety of activities including direct services, research and policy development, and public information and education. The Foundation does not make grants intended to influence legislation or support candidates for political office. Foundation grant awards for 2009 are expected to total approximately \$268 million and grantmaking awards of up to \$236 million are anticipated in 2010.

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