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The F.M. Kirby Foundation Names Erin C. Clifford as Program Officer

MORRISTOWN [November 20, 2020] The F.M. Kirby Foundation is pleased to announce that Erin C. Clifford, formerly Communications and Program Associate since 2017, has been promoted to the role of Program Officer. Her responsibilities include overseeing grant evaluations in the Environment and Education dockets, as well as a number of Medical Research grants. Other responsibilities include guiding public relations efforts, directing Board development orientations, and coordinating the F. M. Kirby Prize for Scaling Social Impact through the CASE Center at Duke University’s Fuqua Business School, among other initiatives. Erin graduated *cum laude* with a B.A. in Psychology from the College of the Holy Cross and is currently a Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) candidate with a concentration in Nonprofit Management at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers – New Brunswick where she is a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society (Global Honor Society for Public Affairs & Administration).

President of the Foundation, S. Dillard Kirby, stated, “Erin has developed significantly since joining us. This promotion is very well deserved, given the myriad of ways that Erin is adding value to our team. In addition to her key grant evaluation responsibilities, she has become a utility player for many of our side projects and initiatives and brings creative insight to the process.” Executive Vice President Justin Kiczek added, “Erin has strengthened communication within the Foundation itself and with our grantees. This promotion recognizes the contributions she has made and the potential for even more development in the coming years.”

The F.M. Kirby Foundation is headquartered in Morristown, NJ. Endowed in 1931 by Fred Morgan Kirby, one of the founders of the F.W. Woolworth Company, the Foundation was designed to continue in perpetuity through generations of the family. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$735 million in grants. Five Kirby family members, currently spanning two generations, serve on the Board, as well as two non-family directors. The Foundation distributes grants to charitable organizations of particular interest to the family and largely within specific geographic areas. With a current annual grants budget of approximately \$14 million, the Foundation provides funding to many non-profit organizations in the fields of the arts and humanities, education, environment, health and medicine, human services, public policy, and religion.

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