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**THE MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION NAMES
VICE PRESIDENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minneapolis Foundation is pleased to welcome Tom Waknitz as its new Vice President of Information Technology, effective August 23.

Waknitz will research and implement strategic IT solutions to bring the Minneapolis Foundation forward in its use of technology applications that provide data security, operational efficiency, reliability, and ease of use for the Foundation's staff, donors, grantees, and other community partners.

"Tom's training in design-thinking, application development, business analysis, and project management make him a valuable addition to our team as we seek to engage more deeply with the diverse communities we serve," said Jean Adams, Chief Operating Officer of the Minneapolis Foundation. "We are thrilled to welcome him and look forward to his contributions at the Foundation."

"In my career as a technology professional, I have always been passionate about leveraging tech skills to achieve business outcomes. On a personal level, community service has always been very important. For me, this position is the opportunity of a lifetime to blend 'head' and 'heart,'" Waknitz said. "When you get down to it, the Minneapolis Foundation's work is about amplifying the efforts of people who care about our community. I look forward to helping the Foundation use technology to share their stories and increase their impact."

Waknitz comes to the Foundation with deep experience in delivering customer-centric services, working with leadership teams in both the corporate and government sectors to create meaningful, impactful user experiences. Most recently, he served as a Managing Director at Konica Minolta.

A 106-year-old community foundation, the Minneapolis Foundation cultivates generosity by driving action to address the greatest civic, social, and economic needs. The Foundation

administers charitable funds established by more than 1,600 individuals, businesses and families, with \$1 billion in assets under management and \$108 million distributed last year alone to strengthen communities in Minnesota and around the world.

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