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Maymont Foundation Announces New Executive Director

Richmond, VA - The Maymont Foundation Board of Directors announced today that Parke Richeson has been chosen to become the organization's new Executive Director. She was selected from a nationwide search of more than 200 candidates.

Richeson is a talented leader with 26 years of experience at Window to the World Communications. WTTW is a premier public media organization based in Chicago with annual revenue of \$50 million. She led Business Development and Finance, including responsibility for strategic planning, operations and marketing for 15 years. Most recently she served as Senior Vice President/Executive in Charge where she planned, launched and managed initiatives with revenues exceeding \$130 million.

Maymont Foundation President Duane Deskevich said "Parke has a proven track record for not-for-profit leadership with significant experience in strategic planning, operations and finance, collaboration and cultivating stakeholder relationships, and staff leadership. She is truly the leader to take Maymont into the future."

"I'm very excited by the opportunity to lead Maymont during this time of growth made possible by the Spirit of Generosity capital campaign. Maymont makes a meaningful contribution to the lives of so many in the Richmond area -- I look forward to further developing this bright future, while maintaining the excellence of the historical estate and connections with the natural world that Maymont offers to everyone in the RVA region," Richeson said.

Richeson holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia where she graduated magna cum laude, and a Master of Management degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. She begins her position at Maymont on May 16. A native Richmonder, she lives here with her husband of 25 years, Bruce Rybarczyk, a clinical psychology professor, and her two sons Austin and Kyler.

Since 1975, Maymont has been maintained and operated by the private nonprofit Maymont Foundation. The Foundation must raise more than \$3 million each year – more than 80% of its operating budget – through donations to keep the estate open to the public. Maymont Foundation administrative offices are located at 1700 Hampton Street in Richmond, Virginia. For more information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

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