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ELISE WESTHOFF TO BECOME PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE PHILANTHROPY ROUNDTABLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Board of The Philanthropy Roundtable is pleased to announce that it has selected Elise Westhoff as its next president and CEO, effective June 1, 2020.

Rick Graber, chairman of the Roundtable said, “We are delighted that Elise Westhoff will be leading the Roundtable’s next phase of growth. She is deeply committed to our mission of fostering excellence in philanthropy, protecting philanthropic freedom, and helping donors to advance liberty, opportunity, and personal responsibility.”

Westhoff will bring to the Roundtable a wealth of leadership experience serving both foundation trustees and individual donors. She is currently executive director of the Snider Foundation, a family foundation in Pennsylvania founded by the late Ed Snider. She joined the Snider Foundation in 2013 as grant program director and was named executive director in 2015. She worked closely with the founder and led a successful transition after his passing in 2016 through her work with a multi-generational family board.

Previously she directed major gifts fundraising for neuroscience programs at the Indiana University School of Medicine from 2009 to 2013. In this role she worked with a wide array of donors including grateful patients, alumni, former residents, current and former faculty, corporations, and foundations to more than double the funds raised for the program between 2009 and 2013.

From 2004 to 2008, Westhoff worked in planned giving and major gifts at the New York Public Library (NYPL). At the NYPL she developed the campaign strategy for all Library Trustees during a \$500 million capital campaign. Among the Trustee gifts during her tenure was a \$100 million commitment to name the landmark building.

She is a member of the board of the Commonwealth Foundation, a free-market public policy think tank focused on Pennsylvania. She received her B.A. in history, criminal justice, and political science from Indiana University.

Westhoff has participated actively in The Philanthropy Roundtable since 2015 and joined the organization’s board in 2019. She is a member of the Strategy Committee for the organization’s Alliance for Charitable Reform.

“The Philanthropy Roundtable has been a tremendous source of knowledge, support, and community for me and so many others. This makes the opportunity to lead the organization particularly meaningful to me. I’m deeply grateful to Adam Meyerson for his leadership and I am honored to follow in his footsteps,” said Westhoff. “Philanthropy plays a vital role in our society—this is a critical moment for those who cherish liberty, opportunity, and personal responsibility to unite around our shared values and continue building a philanthropic movement together.”

Adam Meyerson, The Philanthropy Roundtable's long-time president, announced in July 2019 that he would be stepping down when his successor takes the helm. Meyerson will remain involved with the Roundtable to assist with the transition. Meyerson joined the Roundtable as president in 2001, and he grew its annual revenues from \$1.8 million to \$9 million.

"I am very enthusiastic about the selection of Elise as our next president and CEO and I look forward to the growth of the Roundtable under her leadership," said Meyerson.

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The Philanthropy Roundtable, founded in 1991, is America's largest network of donors committed to protecting philanthropic freedom, upholding donor intent, and strengthening our free society through charitable giving. The organization currently serves over 620 members and has a staff of 30.

The organization is known for convening high-level conferences. Its premier event, the Annual Meeting, has been hosted for over 28 years and brings together hundreds of philanthropic decision makers committed to strengthening our free society and to exploring, collaborating, and solving our nation's greatest problems through meaningful philanthropy.

For over 15 years The Philanthropy Roundtable has played an active role in defending philanthropic freedom through the Alliance for Charitable Reform (ACR). ACR leads the fight against federal legislative and regulatory proposals that have threatened private giving. The Roundtable also defends against state legislation that violates the First Amendment right to give anonymously or imposes demographic mandates on grant-making organizations.

The Roundtable also publishes several guidebooks for donors and Philanthropy, an award-winning quarterly magazine celebrating the power of private charitable giving to improve society. It boasts a print circulation of over 6,000 with thousands more accessing its stories online.