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Waterford Foundation for Public Education Golf Outing Scheduled *Honoring Waterford Coalition for Youth Executive Director Heather Halls*

April 22, 2019 Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford Foundation for Public Education will hold its Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, June 18, 8:00 a.m. shotgun start, at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center in Clarkston. Each year the Waterford Foundation honors an outstanding individual(s) who have achieved success and is active in service to her or his community. This year's honoree is Heather Halls, Waterford Coalition for Youth (WCY) Executive Director, who is being recognized for her many years of volunteerism, involvement with community organizations and boards, and personal contributions.

As WCY's executive director, a 501c3 non-profit organization, she works collaboratively with our community to reduce substance abuse and high-risk behaviors, with a primary focus on empowering our youth to make positive choices. The Coalition focuses on a variety of issues affecting youth and families. Located in the Waterford Police Department, WCY works collaboratively with the department and the school district on a wide variety of prevention and education initiatives.

Halls attended Sandburg Elementary, Cray Junior High, Waterford Township High School, until its closing, and graduated from Waterford Mott High School in 1984. She attended Michigan State University, graduating with a BA in Communication in 1988. While there she was an involved member of the Spartan Marching Band, Concert, and Jazz Bands. She met her husband Brad in the marching band and married shortly after graduation.

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When her children started preschool, Halls became active in the schools, volunteering in their classrooms, serving in elected positions on the PTA and PTSA at Cooley, Pierce and Kettering. She became WCY's executive director in 2005 and has served on the Waterford Board of Education since 2008. Halls has spent much of her adult life as a community activist, participating for many years with the American Cancer Society and the 3-day breast cancer walk. She has served on Waterford School District bond committees, a Waterford Reads Mentor, served on the Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant Team, is a past Waterford Breakfast Optimist Club Member, Waterford Rotarian and was President for the Waterford Kettering Band Boosters for 5 years.

Established in 1984, the mission of the Waterford Foundation is to recognize and promote excellence in teaching and learning. The Waterford Foundation was created to generate private funding, in the form of grants, to support innovative curricular programs not funded through the Waterford School District. The Waterford Foundation has awarded over \$2 million to the staff and students of the District to finance research and equipment, special materials, science and math workshops, and a variety of instructional projects and programs.

The Waterford Foundation operates through contributions, grants, memorials, and fundraisers. Other Waterford Foundation recognition programs include Teacher of the Year, Select 50, the Al Dittrich Memorial Scholarship, and the Waterford Durant High School Most Improved Award.

Sponsors for this event include Barton Malow and French Associates Architects, Presenting Sponsors, M3 Investment Services, Silver Sponsor, and McLaren Oakland, Dr. Jim & Lori Stepanski, and Tom & Gail Wiseman, Bronze Sponsors.

For golf outing ticket information or sponsorship inquiries visit www.wsdmi.org/wfpe. All donations are tax deductible.

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