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**“New staff member Hull joins Ahrens Foundation”**

Melissa Hull has joined the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation as its Administrative Assistant. The newly created position is full-time, and she began the job on April 10.

She works from the foundation’s new administrative office recently constructed at Ahrens/Paschal Memorial Park, where an open house will be held on June 1.

“Melissa will be a great asset to our staffing team. She will play an important role in communicating our mission and guiding area nonprofits, community projects and partnering organizations in order to effectively utilize the foundation’s resources,” Julie Gosselink, president and CEO, said in a statement. “We are fortunate to have Melissa working with us and are confident that she will provide the excellent customer service and assistance that will be required to help us take our business of “leaving it better” to the next level.”

Shannon Fitzgerald-Schultz, CFO and controller, added that Hull represents the “last piece of the puzzle” as the foundation moves toward its goal of fulfilling the professional standards expected from the Iowa foundations that have a similar size and structure.

Hull’s duties include performing general office functions and basic accounting as well as assisting with marketing and public relations efforts as needed by the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation and the Ahrens Park Foundation and as for two groups participating in its Community Support Services Program, the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation and the Grinnell-Newburg Educational Endowment.

Hull, who is originally from Cedar Rapids, holds an associates’ degree in general education from Kirkwood Community College and a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts with an emphasis on communications from the University of Northern Iowa. She most recently worked at Grinnell Family Care helping to manage the physicians’ office. Her background also includes experience in customer service and marketing.

“I am so excited for the opportunity to be part of a wonderful organization that does so much for its community,” she said. Hull and her husband, Chad have two children and moved to Grinnell nearly two years ago.

The Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation has distributed more than \$7 million in Grinnell and surrounding communities since its founding in 1993.