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The Prospect Hill Foundation Welcomes Penny Fujiko Willgerodt as Its New Executive Director on September 2, 2008

Penny most recently served as a Vice President at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA) and has worked in the foundation field for 20 years. She began her philanthropy career at the Ms. Foundation and then joined the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation as a program officer in 1990. During her nine-year tenure at Mertz-Gilmore, Penny worked in the areas of human rights, energy and the environment, peace and security, and New York City civic and cultural life.

She then joined the Rockefeller Family Office in the fall of 1999 and became part of the start-up team and senior staff of RPA when it was created in 2002. At RPA Penny worked with individual donors, family foundations, charitable trusts, donor advised funds, and funder collaboratives on a range of issues including arts and culture, reproductive rights, criminal justice, environmental health and conservation, sustainable development and international human rights.

After her transition to Prospect Hill, Penny will continue to serve as a fund advisor to two special projects at RPA: the Gulf Coast Fund for Community Renewal and Ecological Health and the Legacy Fund of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. In addition, she will continue her tenure on the boards of the Weeksville Heritage Center and the Tenement Museum.

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