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## **Dr. Ann Updegraff Spleth joins Kiwanis International Foundation as chief operations officer**

INDIANAPOLIS – Kiwanis International is pleased to announce that Dr. Ann Updegraff Spleth has joined the Kiwanis International Foundation as chief operations officer.

In this role, Dr. Updegraff Spleth is leading the Kiwanis International Foundation to meet the strategic fundraising needs of Kiwanis International. In addition, she will assist Kiwanis International in raising \$110 million for The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus—the largest fundraising initiative in the organization’s 97-year history.

“Ann’s experience in leading and strategizing fundraising initiatives is extraordinary,” said Stan Soderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International. “She will be a tremendous asset in helping Kiwanis International serve the children of the world.”

Dr. Updegraff Spleth is responsible for overseeing development and execution of all communications, programs and activities of the Kiwanis International Foundation. Working closely with the foundation’s president and board of trustees, Dr. Updegraff Spleth will implement financial planning and budgeting necessary to achieve the organization’s short- and long-term goals.

Dr. Updegraff Spleth has been in executive leadership in both the faith based and secular not-for-profit world for more than 20 years. She most recently served as a consultant for The Columbia Partnership, where she helped organizations make strategic decisions on planned

giving, annual funds, campaigns, public relations, conflict management, change management, sustainability fundraising and planning.

A Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), Dr. Updegraff Spleth has also served as vice president for external relations for Christian Theological Seminary and director of major gift planning for Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana.

Dr. Updegraff Spleth holds a doctor of ministry from The School of Theology in Claremont, California; a master's of divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School; and a Bachelor of Arts from Transylvania University. She resides with her husband and two children in Indianapolis.

For more information on the Kiwanis International Foundation, visit [www.kiwanis.org/foundation](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation).

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#### **About Kiwanis International**

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of clubs and members dedicated to serving the children of the world and developing youth leaders. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for university students, Key Club for students age 14-18, Builders Club for students age 11-14, Kiwanis Kids for students age 6-12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, dedicate annually more than 18 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children. The Kiwanis International family comprises nearly 600,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas. For more information about Kiwanis International, please visit [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).