

# the EARL & KATHRYN CONGDON *family foundation*

## **Earl and Kathryn Congdon Family Foundation Announces Leadership Transition**

HIGH POINT, NC - January 2025 - The Earl and Kathryn Congdon Family Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Joe Blosser, Ph.D., as its Chief Executive Officer, effective February 1<sup>st</sup>. Blosser succeeds Megan Oglesby in the position. Oglesby has led the foundation since 2018, and during her tenure, she oversaw the development of Congdon Yards and directed over \$100 million in philanthropic investment. She will continue to offer strategic leadership to the foundation, shifting to an internal-focused position as the Senior Advisor where she will guide the board on its strategic initiatives.

"The Board of Directors is excited to promote Joe to this position," said David Congdon, President of the Board of Directors. "Joe's demonstrated ability to drive meaningful community change, combined with his strategic insight and commitment to our mission, makes him the ideal leader to propel our Foundation forward."

Blosser has served as the Chief Impact Officer of the Congdon Family Foundation for the last two years. During that time, he has spearheaded the development of the Foundation's new Capacity Building Grants program, streamlined its internal processes, and championed numerous community initiatives, like the current High Point Housing Impact Fund at the High Point Community Foundation.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Blosser was the founding Executive Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at High Point University. While at HPU, he grew the university from 30,000 hours of volunteer service per year to over 500,000 hours, and he raised over \$15 million for the university and its nonprofit partners to strengthen the High Point community.

Blosser has a Ph.D. in Ethics from the University of Chicago, a Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt University, and a Bachelors in Economics and Religion from Texas Christian University. He's an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

"I'm humbled and honored to have the trust of Megan and the Congdon Family Foundation Board," Blosser said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to lead this incredible Foundation, and I look forward to the ways the Foundation will continue to drive change in High Point, reducing barriers to opportunity, so all people in our city have the chance to thrive."

### **About the Earl and Kathryn Congdon Family Foundation**

Earl and Kitty Congdon, along with their three children, established the Foundation in 2015 to invest in organizations within the greater High Point area and beyond that promote improved quality of life by

reducing barriers to opportunity. The family and Foundation have invested more than \$120 million in the High Point area, focusing on improving education, meeting critical community needs, and driving economic development. Most recently, the Foundation spearheaded the creation of Congdon Yards in partnership with Business High Point. Located in downtown High Point, the campus is an old factory-turned-trendy entrepreneurship hub comprised of over 200,000 square feet of office, public collaboration, and meeting space open to the public. Learn more about the work of the Foundation on its website at [www.congdonfoundation.org](http://www.congdonfoundation.org).