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IslandWood Appoints Jennifer Kim as Vice President of Philanthropy

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA (December 21, 2018) –Jennifer Kim has been named Vice President of Philanthropy for IslandWood. She officially joined IslandWood on November 26 following a national search led by the executive search firm, Waldron.

“We are so pleased to have such a seasoned, entrepreneurially-minded fundraising professional join our team,” said Megan Karch, IslandWood’s CEO. “Jennifer has a proven track record of success in organizations of all sizes and a passion for building high-performing, healthy fundraising teams; I am thrilled to work with her to engage and grow our generous community of supporters.”

Ms. Kim brings to IslandWood more than 25 years of fundraising experience and leadership. Most recently she was the Director of Major and Planned Gifts at Virginia Mason. She is also the Founder and Director of Operations of Philanthropy Works, which provides support and training for frontline fundraisers, and was a Development Officer at Mayo Clinic, the Development Director of Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Minnesota, and Director of Individual Giving at Seattle Children’s Home. Ms. Kim holds a B.A. from Willamette University, a Certificate in Fundraising Management from the University of Washington, and she is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE).



“Like many of IslandWood’s supporters, caring for and protecting our environment is one of the causes I care about most,” said Ms. Kim. “That’s why I couldn’t be more excited to join the IslandWood team and work with our community of supporters to prepare the next generation to work together to care for the planet.”

Ms. Kim succeeds Allyson Brown, who left IslandWood in July to become the Executive Director of the Bainbridge Schools Foundation. Ms. Kim and her family live on Bainbridge Island.

About IslandWood

Since its founding in 2000, IslandWood has been creating exceptional learning experiences that help students and educators understand their environment and discover the impact they can have on their world and their communities. Its place-based, experiential learning programs offered for Puget Sound area schools serve more than 10,000 students every year on its Bainbridge Island campus, at the Brightwater wastewater treatment plant in Woodinville, and in Seattle schools and communities. IslandWood also offers a graduate program in education, has developed community-connected science curriculum in partnership with Seattle Public Schools, provides teacher training, and leads statewide advocacy initiatives. Learn more: www.islandwood.org.