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National Council of Nonprofits Welcomes Donna Murray-Brown as Vice President of Strategy and Development

The National Council of Nonprofits (NCN) announced that nationally respected nonprofit leader Donna Murray-Brown will join its team as Vice President of Strategy and Development on July 1.

Murray-Brown recently concluded a highly successful eight-year tenure as President and CEO of Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA).



“I am thrilled to join the team of the National Council of Nonprofits,” said Murray-Brown. “I have admired their effectiveness in supporting nonprofits in myriad ways, from staving off existential policy threats to creating trusted resources and connecting nonprofits so ideas and information flow across state lines. As leader of a statewide association of nonprofits, I saw first-hand how their strategic advocacy the last two years helped usher billions of dollars to frontline nonprofits through the Paycheck Protection Program and other COVID relief programs. That work saved millions of nonprofit jobs and enabled local nonprofits across the country to continue operating and providing needed services. So, when Tim invited me to join the team and be part of that vital work, I immediately knew this is where I wanted to be – furthering the high impact of the National Council of Nonprofits and its nationwide network of nonprofits, now and for years to come.”

“Donna has a long history of making a meaningful difference,” said Tim Delaney, President & CEO of the National Council of Nonprofit. “We’re incredibly fortunate to have her join our team. She’s a trusted and distinguished leader at the local, state, and national levels. Her efforts in Michigan around the 2020 census to ensure traditionally underrepresented communities were counted led the nation and galvanized efforts in other states. Through Donna’s early service on our board and then as Chair of our Resource Development Committee, she earned the respect of her colleagues – each a proven leader in their own state or field – who elected her to be Board Chair. The leadership, drive, passion, and values Donna displayed when the pandemic struck inspired – and benefited – people across the country. I’m absolutely delighted that Donna will be a full-time member of our team so she can apply her extensive knowledge and talents to benefit nonprofits and people from coast-to-coast.”

Twice honored as a NonProfit Times Power and Influence Top 50 leader in the nonprofit sector, Murray-Brown was also recognized by Crain’s Detroit Business in 2021 as one of the Most Influential Women in Michigan. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees for Candid and Detroit Public TV, a PBS member station, and as part of the Leadership Council for the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University.

Murray-Brown earned a master’s degree in Community Development from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a BS in Business Administration from Central State University. She also holds certifications in corporate community affairs from Boston College and strategic perspectives in nonprofit management from Harvard Business

School.

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