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**WATERTOWN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Watertown Community Foundation (WCF) announces the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors. Joining the board are Watertown residents Jen Nicholson and Leah Pennino.

“We are delighted to welcome our newest board members and partners to the Watertown Community Foundation. They bring wonderful energy, important professional skills, and deep Watertown experience to our work to support positive change in the lives and families of people who live and work in Watertown,” said Lauren Coughlin Unsworth, WCF co-president.

Jen Nicholson, a life-long Watertown resident, is the Events Coordinator for the historic Commander’s Mansion in Watertown. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Human Resources from Boston College and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Regis College, along with a decade of experience as an elementary educator. A past president of the PTO for the Cunniff Elementary School, Jen currently serves on several local volunteer boards, including Watertown Cable Access, Watertown Boys & Girls Club and Watertown SEPAC. Jen and her husband are both K-12 graduates of Watertown Public Schools, and their two children attend Cunniff Elementary School.

Leah Pennino is the Vice President of Marketing and Communications at YouthBuild USA, the headquarters for over 280 YouthBuild programs around the world. Leah brings 25 years of marketing and communications experience with a diverse background in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. She previously held positions at Suffolk Construction, The Princeton Review, Lois Paul & Partners, and GBH-TV, where she oversaw publicity for the Emmy Award-winning series *This Old House* and 11 other national TV brands. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a graduate certificate in public relations from Emerson College. A resident of Watertown for 20 years, Leah lives with her husband and two children who attend Watertown Public Schools.

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**About Watertown Community Foundation**

The Watertown Community Foundation works to build and sustain a vibrant, close-knit community in Watertown – now, and for future generations. Since 2003, WCF has awarded more than \$3,000,000 in grants to address local needs to make positive change in the lives of people who live and work in Watertown. With financial support from the Watertown community, we partner with non-profits to help end food insecurity, keep people housed, educate kids, lift-up the arts, and break down barriers to bring people together. See our list of grantees [here](#).

**WCF Board of Directors:** Lauren Coughlin Unsworth and Mary Ann Mulligan, Co-Presidents; Albrik Avanesian; Emily Barclay; Ninos Hanna; Eileen Hsü-Balzer; Heather Leary; Jennifer Nicholson, Anthony Paolillo; Leah Pennino, Lora Sabin; Robert Shay; David Siegel; Felicia Sullivan; and Donna Tuccinardi