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Wilder Foundation Board of Directors announces new President and CEO

ST. PAUL, MN (April 22, 2010) The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce its selection of MayKao Y. Hang as the 6th President and CEO of the Wilder Foundation. Ms. Hang will assume her new responsibilities on July 1, 2010 upon the retirement of Tom Kingston, who has led the Foundation since 1990.

Ms. Hang has served as the Foundation's Director of Children and Family Services since 2007. She graduated from Brown University, Providence, RI, with a B.A. in Psychology. She holds a Master of Arts in Public Affairs from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and is currently a doctoral candidate in Public Administration at Hamline University, where she is studying private-public partnerships. Ms. Hang currently serves on the board of The Saint Paul and Minnesota Community Foundations, and past board appointments include Regions Hospital and HealthPartners.

"As the Foundation continues its commitment to serving the East Metro area, we believe Wilder, as well as the community, will benefit greatly from Ms. Hang's experience, creativity and passion for service," stated Sandy Kiernat, Wilder Board Chair. CEO Search Committee Chair Joan Grzywinski was impressed with the slate of candidates presented by the firm retained to facilitate the hiring process. "Over the past several months, the Committee conducted an intense interview process with numerous qualified candidates," said Ms. Grzywinski. "After much thoughtful consideration, Committee members unanimously selected Ms. Hang. We are confident that MayKao is the best choice to lead Wilder into its promising future."

Ms. Hang has a demonstrated ability to lead human service agencies during times of great change. In her current role at Wilder, she successfully merged and restructured two large divisions and has guided the development of innovative programs to address disparities in children's mental health services. In 2009 she received the prestigious Ann Bancroft Dream Maker Award in recognition of her work with Hmong girls and women.

Prior to joining the Wilder Foundation, Ms. Hang served as Director of Adult Services for Ramsey County Human Services, a division annually serving approximately 15,000 individuals with disabilities, vulnerable adults, the elderly and persons experiencing chemical dependency or behavioral health issues. During her tenure, she led the merger of five large program areas, streamlining operations in a 300 person, \$300 million division. Ms. Hang also served as the Director of Resident Services for the St. Paul Public Housing Agency, which provided services to 10,000 low-income residents living in 4,200 units of housing. There she managed a staff of 100 with a \$5 million budget.

Ms. Hang grew up in St. Paul after her family immigrated to the United States from war-torn Laos in 1976. She and her husband Lou currently reside in Woodbury and are the proud parents of four young children.

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About the Wilder Foundation

For more than 100 years, the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation has combined direct service, research and community development to address the needs of the most vulnerable people in greater Saint Paul. For more information on the Wilder Foundation, visit www.wilder.org