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**CHERYL ZIMLICH, BOHEMIAN FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Cheryl Zimlich serves as executive director and as a member of the board for Bohemian Foundation, a philanthropic, grantmaking institution based in Fort Collins, Colo. The foundation works to empower citizens and is committed to the care and enrichment of local, national and global communities. Through the foundation's Community Programs area, the organization seeks to support youth, economic stability and the vibrancy of the Fort Collins community. The foundation's Music Programs area works to build community through music. Through its Civic Programs area, the foundation funds organizations that aim to strengthen democracy. Zimlich has been responsible for the development of the foundation's fourth program area, Global Programs, which seeks to identify and support organizations addressing some of our most serious global challenges at the intersection of public health, poverty and the environment.

Zimlich is a respected community leader and 20-year volunteer in the nonprofit sector. In addition to serving Bohemian Foundation, Zimlich has held board and leadership positions with more than a dozen organizations. Locally, she serves on the Colorado State University Global Leadership Council and on the Poudre School District Community Facilities Advisory Committee, as well as on the boards of UniverCity Connections, the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority and Homeward 2020. Zimlich currently serves several national nonprofits as well. She is on the boards of Little Kids Rock and Book Trust, and is a management committee member for AmpUp NYC.

In the past, she has served on the boards of the following organizations: the Women's Center, Beet Street and the Colorado State University Center for Advancement of Sustainable Enterprise. She has participated in Leadership Fort Collins and was part of the City of Fort Collins Community Development Block Grant Commission; the Colorado State Forest Advisory Committee; and the UniverCity Connections Transit and Mobility Task Group.

Zimlich has filled numerous roles for Poudre School District, including work as a member of the 2010 Mill and Bond Committee, the District Advisory Board, the Student Based Budgeting Advisory Committee, and the Audit Committee. She also has been part of Site Improvement Teams and a variety of task force teams. In recognition of her contributions, Zimlich was honored by Poudre School District Foundation with the Outstanding Community Education Advocate Award in 2015.

Zimlich is a certified public accountant, and prior to her service at Bohemian Foundation she worked for Coopers & Lybrand in Denver, and later for Sample & Bailey, PC, in Fort Collins. She worked in the audit departments at both firms. She later worked as an accounting consultant in the Fort Collins area.

Zimlich earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Colorado State University. In 2014, the Colorado State University College of Business recognized her with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

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