Philanthropy Delaware Bids Farewell to President and CEO, Cynthia Pritchard

(Wilmington, DE) July 24, 2020 - Philanthropy Delaware’s President and CEO will soon be leading as President and CEO of the Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education Foundation supporting the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Cynthia was the first to lead as Philanthropy Delaware’s full-time President and CEO and championed the robust work in the state’s philanthropic network. In three and half short years, Cynthia marshaled the efforts to broaden, deepen, and transform the organization to promote effective philanthropy. Under her leadership, Philanthropy Delaware underwent a comprehensive rebranding effort, which was formerly known as Delaware Grantmakers Association into the name known today.

During her tenure, Cynthia led Philanthropy Delaware to increase membership, provide enlightening and instructive programming, thought leadership, and resources for our Members. In collaboration with the board of directors, created a robust strategic plan where philanthropy plays a vital role in the endeavor to build a just, vibrant and thriving Delaware for all. She forged alliances with local and state government leadership, provided grant-matching assistance to local organizations.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cynthia served as the Director of the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund, which brought together numerous Philanthropy Delaware Members and other investors and individuals to collectively fund the emerging and evolving needs of communities throughout Delaware.

As Cynthia looks forward to this new chapter, she also looks back at the connections built throughout her time in Philanthropy Delaware. “I cannot begin to express how grateful I am for the outstanding support of this community and our members,” Cynthia writes. The culmination of her work has led the way for more effective, efficient, and impactful philanthropy in Delaware.