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Hudson-Webber Foundation welcomes Michael B. Shaw as incoming program director

DETROIT - Hudson-Webber Foundation has announced Michael B. Shaw will join the Detroit-based philanthropic organization as its program director. Shaw will begin his tenure in late January, and will be primarily focused on strategy and program development, management of the grantmaking process, and will help oversee the foundation's communications and community engagement efforts.

As a key member of Hudson-Webber's management team, Shaw will work directly with individual grantees and stakeholder organizations to implement grantmaking strategies that reflect Hudson-Webber's focus on the growth of a vibrant city with opportunities for all Detroiters to attain prosperity.

"Michael's depth of experience in the philanthropic and nonprofit sector, where he has focused on economic mobility, innovation and place-based change, make him a tremendous asset to the foundation's ongoing efforts to develop and implement equitable and community-focused solutions for the city," said Melanca Clark, president and CEO of the Hudson-Webber Foundation. "We are pleased to bring aboard a mission-driven professional like Michael who can contribute his expertise in current research and best practices, and who is passionate about Detroit and moving our city forward."

Shaw was previously a program officer at the Troy-based Kresge Foundation, specializing in grant management and strategy development for social and economic mobility. He also served as a special assistant to the director of the City of Detroit's Planning and Development Department, working on deployment of HUD Community Development block grants and Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.

Before moving to Michigan, Shaw managed civic investment programs for the Annie E. Casey Foundation, as well as served as the senior director for the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, both in Baltimore, Maryland. Over the course of his career, Shaw has held a variety of volunteer leadership positions for organizations and agencies including the State of Maryland's Commission on Civic Literacy, The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, and Baltimore Green Works.

"I have long admired the Hudson-Webber Foundation's ability to shift and adapt to the changing needs of the city." said Shaw. "I am excited to join the foundation in its efforts to ensure that all Detroiters can contribute and benefit from the type of momentum we are beginning to see."

Shaw holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Syracuse University, with a concentration in community organization, policy, planning and analysis.

Hudson-Webber Foundation grants over \$7 million annually to promote community and economic development, arts and culture, built environment, and safe and just communities.

Recent Hudson-Webber grantees include the United Community Housing Coalition, the Belle Isle Conservancy, Building the Engine of Community Development in Detroit, the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy, the Detroit Justice Center, Midtown Detroit Inc., and Michigan Future Inc.

ABOUT the Hudson-Webber Foundation

The Hudson-Webber Foundation origins date back to 1939 with major contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Webber, other members of the Webber family and The J.L. Hudson Company. The foundation is governed by a 17-member board of trustees, with assets of approximately \$170 million, and has contributed over \$200 million to improve the quality of life in Detroit. The mission areas of the foundation include support of community and economic development, built environment, safe and just communities, and arts and culture.

To learn more about the Hudson-Webber Foundation, visit www.hudson-webber.org.

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