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**EDYTH BUSH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ELECTS RICK WALSH
TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WINTER PARK, FL. The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Rick Walsh to the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Mr. Walsh joins the Board of one of Florida's most respected philanthropies as it enters into its 35th year of extraordinary giving in Florida.

Walsh was selected after an extensive search process that included an internal assessment of skill sets of current Board members along with the Board's projected skill needs for its future work in a dynamic and forward looking Central Florida.

"Rick is on the top of many lists as one of Central Florida's most respected and thoughtful leaders," said Jerry Hilbrich, chairman of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation's Board. "He listens carefully to the needs of the community and accepts the responsibility as a servant-leader for the greater good. We are glad that Rick will be joining the Board and we know that he will add to the Foundation's reputation for 'philanthropy beyond check writing.'"

Walsh is president of The Knob Hill Group, an investment and strategic counseling firm. Knob Hill is committed to assisting established and emerging companies develop and sustain a competitive advantage in their marketplace.

Prior to establishing The Knob Hill Group, Walsh served as senior vice president of Corporate Affairs for Darden Restaurants, Inc. He was a member of the team that took this Fortune 500 company public in 1995. He also served as a member of Darden's Executive Committee and as a trustee of the Darden Restaurants Foundation.

He currently serves as chairman of the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees and UCF's College of Business Advisory Council . He also serves on the boards of Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute, the Florida State Chamber of Commerce; National Employment Policy Institute; National First Jobs Institute; the Mennello Museum of Art and the MD Anderson Council of Governors.

Walsh is involved in a number of entrepreneurial ventures including Winter Park Angels Investments, Seaside National Bank, and Blue Orb Software Inc.'s boards among others.

Walsh has been recognized as Orlando Business Journal's "Businessman of the Year"; one of "Florida's 100 Most influential" by *Florida Trend* magazine; "25 Most Powerful People in Central Florida" by the *The Orlando Sentinel*; and "50 Most Powerful People in Orlando" by *Orlando Magazine*. His interests include collecting Native American and Western art, investing, reading, horses and climbing.

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation's other Board members include Jerry Hilbrich,

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Chairman; Mary Gretchen Belloff, Vice Chair; Herbert Holm, Founding Director; David Odahowski, President; John Lord; and Matt Certo.

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation was created in 1973. Since then, it has been enriched by the Richard J. Conlee Fund and the H. Clifford Lee Fund. To date the Foundation has issued 2,361 grants to more than 650 organizations throughout the state, but primarily in Central Florida, totaling more than \$87 million. Though it does not actively solicit outside donations, the Foundation works with philanthropists to achieve their charitable goals. For more information, please visit www.edytbush.org.

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