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Leadership Transition for Barancik Foundation's Grants and Initiatives Team

Sarasota, FL — Poised for a new phase of growth and community impact, Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation is broadening leadership responsibilities on its grants and initiatives team.

Effective May 1, longtime Barancik Foundation Senior Vice President John Annis will transition to the new role of Senior Advisor. At the same time, Omar Guevara-Soto—who has served as Strategic Initiatives Officer since joining the Foundation at the start of 2024—will begin to lead the Foundation's grantmaking and community partnerships as the next Senior Vice President for Collaboration and Impact.

"This is a win-win for our growing network of grantees and our future work as a foundation," said Teri A Hansen, President | CEO of Barancik Foundation. "Omar and John will continue to work closely together over the next several years to shape and advance Barancik Foundation's grantmaking and our many other forms of community support."

Guiding the Foundation's grantmaking strategies and collaborative initiatives will be Guevara-Soto's daily responsibility moving forward. "Omar is an innovator with proven leadership and operations experience," said Hansen. "He understands how the social, public, and business sectors can work together to improve lives, and he has quickly gained the respect and trust of our community partners."

Since [joining Barancik Foundation](#) full-time last year, Guevara-Soto has been developing systemic initiatives, building partnerships with nonprofits and other funders, and helping to drive the Foundation's growing grantmaking. He is currently spearheading a new initiative to better understand and address food insecurity and closely related needs throughout the region. Guevara-Soto also has been working with the Barancik Foundation Board of Directors to sharpen the Foundation's funding priorities.

Annis, meanwhile, is transitioning to his Senior Advisor role as part of a five-year retirement strategy. Among his new responsibilities, he will focus at a higher level on fostering new philanthropic collaborations in the region, and he'll also work more deeply with individual nonprofits to help them evolve and build resilience to meet ever-changing community needs.

"I want our partners to know that John will continue to do his highest and best work—connecting smart, passionate people and organizations and helping good nonprofits become their very best," said Hansen. "But he'll also get a little more time to spend as 'Papa' with his two beloved granddaughters." Annis will serve four days a week in his new Senior Advisor role.

Annis has served as a senior vice president at Barancik Foundation since 2018. During this time, the Foundation has awarded \$143 million in grants and currently invests over \$30 million annually into grants and initiatives. Understanding the communities and nonprofit organizations that the Foundation serves and maximizing its impact on them—areas in which Barancik Foundation rated exceptionally well in a national grantee perception survey a few years ago—have been priorities under his leadership.

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About Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation

The Charles and Margery Barancik family has long believed in the power of philanthropy to shape our world and enrich the lives of all people. It was the expression of this belief that led them in 2014 to establish Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation—a private, family foundation located in Sarasota, Florida. Barancik Foundation creates initiatives and awards grants in Sarasota and beyond in the areas of education, humanitarian causes, arts and culture, the environment, and medical research. For more information, visit www.barancikfoundation.org.