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**George Family Foundation names Manuszak
as its first program officer**

MINNEAPOLIS (Nov. 28, 2018) — The George Family Foundation announced today it has named Stephen Manuszak as its first program officer.

Manuszak's appointment will be effective Jan. 14, 2019. In his new role, Manuszak will be responsible for leading several of the Foundation's grantmaking focus areas and for serving as the first point of contact with the community's nonprofit sector. In addition, he will work closely with the Foundation's leadership – setting strategic direction, measuring grantmaking impact and leading projects in the George Family Foundation's Youth Development and Environment grantmaking areas.

"After an extensive search, we are delighted that Stephen will be joining our team," said Gayle Ober, president. "This represents a new position for the Foundation. While the Foundation has no plans to expand its giving in the arts, Stephen's experience building collaborative partnerships with nonprofits, grantees and funders positions him well to tackle the challenges and opportunities we face. We are confident he will make a significant contribution to our organization."

Most recently, Manuszak served as director of international programs for Arts Midwest, where he produced international tours and led research initiatives, among other responsibilities. Prior to that, he served as the associate development officer for foundations and government for Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York. Other work experience has given him the opportunity to deepen his fundraising and project management skills. His personal passions and volunteer

service include several areas of interest that match those of the George Family Foundation, Ober noted.

Manuszak holds a Master of Arts in media, culture and communication from New York University and a Bachelor of Arts in political science with honors from the University of Chicago. He is currently a Leadership Fellow with the Association of Performing Arts Professionals (2017-2019). Previously, Manuszak was a policy fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota (2014-2015) and a John C. Whitehead Fellow with the Foreign Policy Association (2010-2013). He has served as a grants panelist for the Minnesota State Arts Board and produced a “Muslims in Minnesota” documentary for KFAI Radio. He has also served on the executive committee of the Twin Cities Sailing Club. Manuszak resides in Minneapolis with his wife, Anna, and their two children.

Founded by Penny and Bill George in 1994, the [George Family Foundation](#) is a \$63 million private family foundation that supports programs that promote integrative health and healing, authentic leadership, spirituality and mindfulness, youth development and the environment and community.

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