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Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation Welcomes Alfonso Wenker as Vice President of Community Impact

St. Paul, Minn. – November 9, 2023 – The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation (the Foundation) today announced that Alfonso Wenker will be joining the Foundation as the new Vice President of Community Impact. As a member of the executive leadership team, Alfonso will serve as the Foundation’s chief strategist for grantmaking and community impact. He brings 15+ years of expertise in strategic campaign work, organizational culture, cultural change and community engagement to his new role, which begins January 16.

“We are thrilled to have Alfonso join our team,” said Eric Jolly, Ph.D., Foundation President & CEO. “Alfonso is a known partner for the trusted legacy institutions of Minnesota and the emerging new leadership groups that, together, are helping us build an inclusive and equitable future for our community. He is an experienced executive leader and facilitator of transformational culture and campaigns, having served in many major leadership roles within the field of philanthropy.”

Alfonso joins the Foundation from Team Dynamics LLC, where he served as President and Co-founder, leading the organization’s sales, finance and operations. He is a highly accomplished speaker and executive coach, having spoken at multiple events and conferences including The Forum on Workplace Inclusion Annual Conference and the national Council on Foundation’s HR Summit. Alfonso’s work has earned him recognition as a Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal’s 40 Under 40, Minnesota Nonprofit Catalytic Leader, and as one of the Foundation’s Facing Race Award recipients.

“As someone born and raised in Saint Paul, I have long admired the Foundation’s work. It is an honor to join this incredible team and to support work within my own community. As a previous Facing Race Award recipient, I understand the importance of anchor institutions working to amplify racial equity efforts across communities,” said Alfonso.

About the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation believes in the best of Minnesota and the power of its communities. With roots in Saint Paul and partners across the state, it is Minnesota’s largest community foundation and the partner of choice for thousands of donors, nonprofits and community organizations. The Foundation aspires to create an equitable, just and vibrant Minnesota where all communities and people thrive by inspiring generosity, advocating for equity and investing in community-led solutions. Visit: spmcf.org