Sunflower Foundation
HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

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SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
TRUSTEE AND ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS

The Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans announces the appointment of three members to its Board of Trustees by Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. The appointees include Marty Beezley, Pittsburg, reappointed to a third term; Christopher (Chris) Ruder, Lenexa, reappointed to a third term; and Caroline Williams, Wichita, reappointed to a third term. The three will begin their new terms in June.

Marty Beezley is currently serving as mayor of Pittsburg. She was appointed to her first term on the Sunflower Foundation board in 2005. Chris Ruder is vice president, patient care services, University of Kansas Hospital. He was appointed to his first term in 2005 and is currently chair of the foundation board. Caroline Williams serves as vice president, distribution power delivery, Westar Energy. She was appointed to her first term in 2007.

The Attorney General also made two appointments to the Sunflower Foundation's Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The two appointees are Kent Bradley, Valley Center, appointed to a first term, and Francie Currie, Neodesha, also appointed to a first term. Their terms will begin in June. Kent Bradley is an OB-GYN physician at Newton Medical Center; Francie Currie serves as office manager for a family practice physician.

The Sunflower Foundation is governed by a nine-member board of trustees. Eight trustees are appointed through a process overseen by the Kansas Attorney General; one is appointed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. Trustees are limited to serving three three-year terms.

A nine-member Community Advisory Committee nominates candidates for the foundation's board and acts in an advisory role to the foundation. Eight members of the committee are appointed by the Kansas Attorney General; the chair of the Sunflower Foundation Board of Trustees serves as the ninth member. CAC members are also limited to three three-year terms.