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**POLK BROS. FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES PROMOTION AND NEW HIRE
IN INVESTMENTS AND ACCOUNTING STAFF**

***Amy Hill** moves into the role of vice president of investments and administration and **Janet Ward** has been hired into the new role of accounting manager, as **Theodore S. Weymouth** steps down as CFO*

Amy Hill has been with the Polk Bros. Foundation since 2009 as Director of Investment Management and now steps into the newly created role of Vice President of Investments and Administration. Ms. Hill’s previous positions include Vice President of Private Wealth Management for J.P. Morgan, as well as roles with the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church, Kellogg Graduate School of Management, and Arthur Andersen & Co. She holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management and a BA in mathematics from DePauw University.

Janet Ward’s experience includes 12 years as an accountant with WJ Weiser & Associates, Inc. (2001-2013) and three years as a senior accountant with Arthur Young & Co. (1986-1989). A CPA, she also holds a BS in accountancy from the University of Illinois-Champaign Urbana.

After more than 17 years as CFO of the Polk Bros. Foundation, **Theodore S. Weymouth** steps down on March 20, 2014 to pursue outside interests, including volunteer work with WINGS in Palatine and the Literacy Connection in Elgin, two non-profit organizations with which he has a long-standing involvement.

“While we are sad to see Ted move on after so many years of valuable and dedicated service, we are delighted that Amy will move into this larger role overseeing the Foundation’s investments and financial management and that Janet can join us to take on the day-to-day accounting responsibilities,” says Gillian Darlow, Polk Bros. Foundation CEO.

The **Polk Bros. Foundation** works to improve the quality of life for Chicago families and to make Chicago a place where all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential. The Foundation partners with local nonprofit organizations that work to reduce the impact of poverty and provide area residents with better access to quality education, preventive health care and basic human services.

The Polk Bros. Foundation is one of the largest funders of Chicago nonprofit organizations, with annual grants exceeding \$20 million and assets of more than \$400 million. Since its first grants in 1988, the Foundation has supported nearly 3,000 nonprofits with close to \$300 million.

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