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### **Louisville Parks Foundation Announces Hiring of President/CEO**

LOUISVILLE, KY – Today, the Louisville Parks Foundation Board announced the hiring of Brooke Perry Pardue in the role of President/CEO.

Since February 2008, Pardue has served as the Constituent Services Manager for Congressman John Yarmuth. Through her efforts in this role, more than \$8 million was returned to taxpayers, through positive casework resolutions. She has also been instrumental in facilitating Rep. Yarmuth’s Academy Nomination process, job fairs, and countless other events. She previously served on the board of the Louisville Parks Foundation.

The Louisville Parks Foundation has grown exponentially since bringing Louisville Jack O’Lantern Spectacular to the city five years ago. This year alone, the Foundation installed two new playgrounds, in Lannan Park and Russell Lee Park, sponsored Beechmont Community Center Summer Camp scholarships, and supported a matching grant for Jefferson Memorial Forest ECHO (Engaging Children Outdoors) initiative. “Brooke has been an effective member of our team, but as the work of the Foundation has grown, we recognize the need for strong leadership and a full-time focus on the good work we do in the community,” said David Johnson, Chair of the Board.

“Brooke has been a key member of my staff for nearly a decade, where she has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Louisvillians and affect real change throughout our community,” said Yarmuth. “With her vision and effective leadership, I know the Louisville Parks Foundation will be in very good hands.”

“I am so excited for the opportunity to work with the Louisville Parks Foundation,” said Pardue. “The work they have done to date has had a tremendous positive impact, and I look forward to expanding their role in the community, as I transition from the public sector to the non-profit world.”

*The Louisville Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3, which inspires donors to invest in our 120+ public parks and recreational facilities ~ for present and future generations.*