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**HUDSON-WEBBER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SENIOR
STAFF PROMOTIONS**

March 23, 2011 (Detroit) – Two Hudson-Webber Foundation staff members have received new titles reflecting heightened levels of responsibility and achievement in guiding the Foundation and its programs. Katy Locker has been promoted to Vice President of Programs from Program Director and Julie Ermler has been promoted to Director of Finance & Administration from Director of Finance.

Joining the Foundation in 2008, Locker manages Hudson-Webber's grantmaking programs and grantee relationships. Recently, Locker has led an effort with Foundation president & CEO David Egner, to enhance the focus of the Foundation's work and giving to include 15x15, a shared vision to attract 15,000 young, talented households to Greater Downtown Detroit by 2015.

Ermler also joined the Hudson-Webber Foundation in 2008 and oversees all aspects of the Foundation's fiscal operations as well as human resource and information technology needs. In her new role she will also perform administrative management duties.

In 2010, the Hudson-Webber Foundation made grant commitments to more than 30 charitable organizations in the Detroit region. Among the Foundation's grants were significant multi-year grant commitments to the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Economic Growth Association, Eastern Market Corporation and University Cultural Center Association. Grants paid out in 2010 exceeded \$6.2 million.

The Hudson-Webber Foundation was established in 1943 with major contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Webber, other members of the Webber family, and The J. L. Hudson Company. The Foundation currently has assets of approximately \$160 million and concentrates its efforts and resources in the City of Detroit with a focus on greater downtown Detroit. The mission areas of the Foundation include support of physical revitalization, economic development, arts and safety.

As part of the broader mission, a focus of current foundation work and giving includes 15x15 – a shared vision to not only attract 15,000 young, talented households to greater downtown Detroit by 2015, but to also articulate to the area and the region the positive impact that influx would have. To learn more about Hudson-Webber and 15x15, visit www.hudson-webber.org.

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