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MANATEE COUNTY NATIVE MARY GLASS NAMED DIRECTOR OF MANATEE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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(Bradenton, FL. – April 5, 2007) A substantial and successful background in marketing and advertising makes Manatee County native Mary Glass a perfect fit to be the new director of the Manatee Education Foundation.

A product of the Manatee County school system and a graduate of the University of South Florida, Glass spent the last two years working in Long Island, New York, where she served as the Director of Primary Services/Previews for NRT – the world’s largest residential real estate company. Prior to her duties in New York, Mary represented NRT as a project manager for acquisitions for the Southeast, New England, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions. Her background also includes stints as a General Manager for Baskerville Advertising in Sarasota, Director of Advertising for Chris Craft Boats in Manatee County and as a member of the initial marketing team for Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc., the developer of Lakewood Ranch.

“All of the candidates we interviewed were amazing, but Mary’s poise, presence and resume were just outstanding,” said Rick Fawley, Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “Her experience and knowledge of the community made her a great candidate and we feel very, very lucky to have her.”

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The mission of the Manatee Education Foundation is to provide enhanced educational opportunities for teachers and students of Manatee County Public Schools that cannot be funded by tax dollars. Joining a staff that includes Foundation Development Coordinator Diane Lehman and Administrative Secretary Ann Phillips, Glass said she looks forward to expanding the Foundation's scope and focus so students and teachers can explore additional opportunities for educational growth and academic achievement.

"I like the idea of working with the community I grew up in and it will be nice to try and get people involved in the Foundation that maybe haven't been involved before," Glass said. "With my marketing background, I'd like to help build a stronger awareness of what the Foundation is and what it does, both in the community and in the district, so we can help give teachers and students the resources they need to develop the programs they want in their classrooms."

Glass replaces Tom Hannon who retired as Director of the Foundation in January.

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