



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Mark Syronee Appointed Vice President of Development & Communication; Julie M. Caruso joins Stan Hywet as Director of Major Gifts & Planned Giving**

**July 21, 2020– Akron, Ohio** –Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is pleased to announce the appointments of Mark Syronee, Vice President of Development and Communication, and Julie M. Caruso, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at Stan Hywet.

Mark Syronee is an experienced non-profit leader with 20 years of experience strengthening organizational growth through enhanced programming, fundraising, and corporate/community partnerships. He spent the past seven years at WKSU 89.7-NPR, most recently as Senior Director of Sales and Marketing. Prior to that, he was in leadership roles at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Mark received his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University, and master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. He currently serves on the board of the Akron Round Table, and resides in Medina, Ohio. Mark will oversee fund development, membership and marketing at Stan Hywet.

"To be part of Stan Hywet, a national treasure, is an incredible honor. I am excited to help nurture and grow this remarkable community gem," notes Mark.

Julie M. Caruso is the new Director of Major Gifts & Planned Giving at Stan Hywet. An Akron resident and a graduate of the University of Akron, she has more than 10 years of experience in fund development, raising money for political campaigns and local non-profits. She has developed and launched community initiatives to connect thousands of volunteers with corporate and community partners. She currently serves as the co-chair and treasurer for Elevate Akron and also volunteers at local animal shelters. At Stan Hywet, Julie will cultivate and secure major gifts and corporate sponsorships, as well as manage the annual fund.

"As an Akron native, I continue to be passionate about working in service to this community, and I am thrilled to work at such an important cultural institution with a legacy that laid the foundation of our great city," notes Julie.

"We are fortunate to have Mark and Julie join the Stan Hywet team," states Sean M. Joyce, President and Executive Director of Stan Hywet. "Their talents and passion for their community will help position us for a long, bright future."

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### **About Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, located in Akron, Ohio, is the former country estate of the family of F.A. Seiberling, the founder of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Completed in 1915, it is one of the most important remaining examples of an American Country Estate built by the wealth created during the Industrial Age at the turn of the twentieth century, when the emergence of modern America made Akron the “Rubber Capital of the World.”

In 1957, Stan Hywet became a non-profit historic estate museum so that the public could benefit from the cultural, educational, and inspirational riches of one of the most significant achievements in architecture and horticulture to come out of America’s Industrial Age. Stan Hywet is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

The estate is currently open for self-guided tours of the historic Manor House and gardens.

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