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Stephanie Cuskley Steps Down From Role as CEO

Board of Directors Praises Her Accomplishments and Prepares for Transition

New York (November 5, 2015) – NPower’s Board of Directors announces that Stephanie Cuskley has stepped down from her role as Chief Executive Officer at the North American nonprofit organization. They offer thanks and praise for her outstanding vision and stewardship of the organization, as it has experienced exponential growth during her tenure.

NPower has grown its free IT training program for young adults and veterans (Technology Service Corps) by over 350% in just four years. In 2015, the organization passed a major milestone as the 1,000th graduate successfully completed its program. Additionally in September, NPower was awarded a \$3.7 million grant under the U.S. Department of Labor’s American Apprenticeship Program. With this funding, NPower will enroll nearly 700 young adults and veterans in Technology Service Corps training programs across three regions: New Jersey, North Texas, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

“The past 7 years have been incredibly rewarding,” said Cuskley. *“We’ve expanded from New York City to North Texas, Toronto, the San Francisco Bay Area, and most recently New Jersey. NPower is stronger than it has ever been in terms of staff, programs and supporters. And I’m incredibly proud to be an NPower alum.”*

Impressive growth has also been achieved by NPower’s other program, The Community Corps, which mobilizes tech community volunteers to develop the next generation of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) talent and to help nonprofits and schools use technology more effectively. The Community Corps is on track to grow by 50% in 2015, operating in 40 states and attracting volunteers from 20 countries. Since inception, tech volunteers have donated almost 100,000 hours of high value skilled volunteering.

“NPower’s success is impressive,” said Dan Petrozzo, Chair of NPower’s Board of Directors and Co-Founder of Verilume. *“The depth and breadth of lives and communities impacted by this organization’s programs is inspiring to our board and everyone in the tech community. Stephanie has been a tremendous catalyst behind NPower’s success and we wish her the best in her new pursuits.”*

Under Chair Petrozzo, the Board has formed a subcommittee to guide the national search for a replacement and ensure a seamless transition of leadership. NPower's Board of Directors has appointed Shannon Gibbons, Chief Development Officer, as the Interim Chief Executive Officer.

NPower has received broad support for its innovative programs with corporate underwriters from across sectors including: Accenture, Bank of America, Broadridge, CA Technologies, Cisco, Citi, Cognizant, HCL Technologies, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Merck, Morgan Stanley, ServiceNow, Symantec, Tata Consultancy Services, and World Wide Technology, Inc.

About NPower

NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools opportunities to build tech skills and achieve their potential. We pursue this mission via our two signature programs:

Technology Service Corps builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans through free technology and professional skills training. The program includes technical classes, mentoring from business leaders, internships and career development workshops at leading corporations and nonprofits, industry-recognized certifications as well as employment and alumni services. More than 85% of our alumni are employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation.

The Community Corps is a skills-based volunteering program of technology professionals who inspire young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and enable nonprofit leaders to better leverage technology solutions.

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