

BUSH FOUNDATION NAMES ELIZABETH VILLAUME AS CONTROLLER

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(St. Paul, MN – October 13, 2008)— The Bush Foundation announced today the hiring of **Elizabeth Villaume** as **Controller**, a new position for the Foundation. In that capacity, she will direct all finance and accounting activities, including reporting and analysis, audit, taxes, budgeting and general accounting. She will report to Greg Keane, the Foundation's CFO.

Keane said, "Beth is an experienced financial professional who will bring great energy to this new position. She is a perfect fit for the Foundation as we implement our new [*Goals for a Decade*](#) strategy."

Villaume has spent the bulk of her career in various financial positions at The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, beginning as an accounting assistant and ultimately serving as Vice President for Finance and Administration. She currently is a volunteer member of the Investment Committee for the Girl Scout Council of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valley and also volunteers at Joseph's Coat, which serves people in need by offering no-cost clothes and personal / household items. Villaume's bachelor degree is from The College of Saint Catherine in music and business.

The **Bush Foundation**, the second largest private grantmaking organization in Minnesota, was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth. The Foundation strives to be a catalyst to shape vibrant communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota by investing in courageous *and* effective leadership that significantly strengthens and improves the well-being of people in these three states.

In July 2008, the Bush Foundation announced its *Goals for a Decade*—in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota to develop courageous leaders and engage entire communities in solving problems, to support the self-determination of Native nations and to increase educational achievement. (For more information about *Goals for a Decade*, visit www.bushfoundation.org.)