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Oregon Community Foundation Welcomes Regenerative Agriculture Leader to Board of Directors

PORTLAND, Ore. – Oregon Community Foundation’s Board of Directors has a new member who brings deep expertise in regenerative agriculture, rural community development and sustainable land stewardship. Cory Carman was approved by unanimous vote of the Oregon Community Foundation Board of Directors.

“Cory brings a singular voice to our state — one shaped by vision, determination and a deep commitment to reimagining ranching while honoring the way of life and economic vitality of eastern Oregon,” said Lisa Mensah, President and CEO of Oregon Community Foundation. “Her perspective will enrich our board and help us better serve communities across our state.”

Cory Carman is a fourth-generation rancher and a recognized leader in regenerative agriculture, dedicated to advancing sustainable food systems and land stewardship across the Pacific Northwest. As a principal leader of Carman Ranch, a multigenerational family enterprise focused on grass-fed, pasture-raised beef and regenerative land management, she started a meat company and has grown the operation into a collaborative of like-minded ranching families committed to soil health, animal welfare and long-term ecological resilience.

Carman Ranch has built partnerships to serve customers in Portland, including Oregon Health & Science University Hospital, Burgerville, New Seasons Market and restaurants such as Higgins and Urban Farmer.

Carman grew up on her family’s ranch in eastern Oregon and holds a degree in Public Policy from Stanford University. Early in her career she worked on Capitol Hill, gaining experience in public policy and governance before returning home to lead and modernize the family business. Under her leadership, Carman Ranch has also expanded

through direct-to-consumer distribution, strengthening transparency and the connection between producers and consumers.

“I’ve known about the important work of Oregon Community Foundation,” Carman said. “When I met Lisa Mensah, I was inspired by her vision for deepening OCF’s impact across the state. I’m honored to support the organization as a voice that is rooted in Eastern Oregon’s essential contribution to our future.”

In addition to her business leadership, Cory has served on state and federal agricultural committees, including the Oregon Farm Service Agency State Committee, and is an active advocate for climate-smart agriculture and rural communities. She is a member of the International Women’s Forum and has participated in regional and national forums on agricultural and land stewardship policy. She serves on the Oregon Board of Trustees for The Nature Conservancy and the Board of Directors for the Children’s Institute.

[Read her full bio here.](#)

About Oregon Community Foundation

Since 1973, Oregon Community Foundation has worked to improve the lives of all Oregonians through the power of philanthropy. Each year, OCF distributes more than \$200 million in grants and scholarships in every county in Oregon in partnership with donors and volunteers. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations can work with OCF to create charitable funds to support causes important to them. To learn more, visit oregoncf.org.

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