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Chelsea Rose Returns as Executive Director of Tennessee FFA Foundation

COOKEVILLE, TN— The Tennessee Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation, Inc. has hired Chelsea Rose as its Executive Director. Rose previously held the position for nearly four years until December 2017. While in the role, she led the Foundation to record-breaking fundraising totals, gained a \$1,685,000 grant for improvements at Camp Clements, initiated the State Fair FFA Ham Breakfast and State Star Tour, and successfully advocated for the expansion of FFA state staff from one position to four.

“We could not be more excited to welcome Chelsea back as Executive Director,” said Foundation Board Chairman Phillip Baker. “Chelsea set the tone for our Foundation’s fundraising capabilities by breaking corporate and individual giving records in multiple years during her tenure. We want to renew that focus on fundraising for the benefit of FFA members.”

Rose was an Eagleville FFA Chapter President, Tennessee FFA State President, and ultimately became Tennessee’s first female FFA National Officer in the organization’s 81-year history. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Communications from Tennessee Tech University and was named the Derryberry Award Winner for her graduating class. She went on to earn a Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications from the University of Tennessee. Prior to her first stint with the FFA Foundation, Rose worked for the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association as the Government Affairs Specialist.

“I am honored to again have the chance to be Executive Director for the Tennessee FFA Foundation,” said Chelsea. “It is quite special to see students transform into young men and women who will, in their own ways, make this world a better place. Like the donors who support this Foundation, I find great joy in being part of that positive transformation.”

Rose left the Executive Director position in 2017 as she and her husband, U.S. Representative John Rose (TN-06), welcomed their first child. Today, she is mother to two boys, Guy and Sam. The Rose family lives in Cookeville and operates a farm in Smith and DeKalb Counties.

The Executive Director manages the staff and operations for the Tennessee FFA Foundation. The Foundation is based in Cookeville on the campus of Tennessee Tech University. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization was created in 1983 to promote the best interests of students and those involved in agricultural education and FFA. To learn more about FFA, visit www.tnffa.org.

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Photo caption: Former National FFA Vice President and Tennessee FFA State President, Chelsea Rose of Cookeville, has been hired as Executive Director for the non-profit Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc.