

## Timothy Higdon Selected to Lead Hearing Health Foundation (HHF) as New CEO

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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, May 28, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hearing Health Foundation (HHF), the largest nonprofit funder of hearing loss research in the U.S., announces the selection of Timothy Higdon as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Mr. Higdon succeeds Interim CEO Margo Amgott and assumes his new position on May 28, 2019.

Mr. Higdon's appointment to CEO is the result of a thoughtful search process led by a search committee of clinicians, scientists, and other members of the HHF Board of Directors supported by Ms. Amgott. "Timothy's record of accomplishments and commitment to HHF's mission position him perfectly to lead this robust organization — which I'm grateful to have come to know over the past six months," Ms. Amgott said today.

Mr. Higdon comes to HHF with 30

years of organizational leadership and fund development experience. He has led teams ranging in size from two people to 200 at prestigious nonprofit institutions with impressive results.

Most recently, he served as the Senior Director of Strategy and Development at NYU Langone

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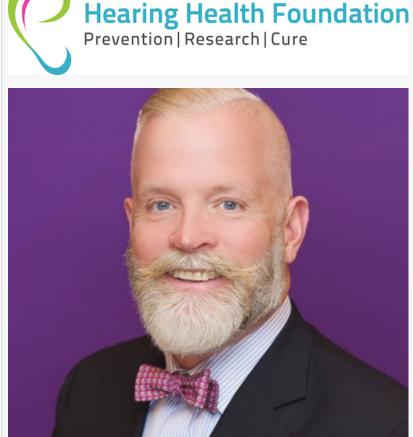
It is thrilling to join the HHF team and be a part of the solution for one of the nation's most pressing public health concerns." Timothy Higdon Medical Center. He has held executive positions with Amnesty International, Girl Scouts of the USA, and CSS Fundraising.

Previously, he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 18 years, where he attained the rank of Major. Like so many other veterans, Mr. Higdon lives with noise-induced hearing loss.

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Indeed, Mr. Higdon today becomes part of the effort to better the lives of 50 million Americans affected by this hidden disability. HHF funded the discoveries that birds, frogs, and fish can restore their own hearing once deafened, and now supports a consortium of scientists studying this process for replication in humans. HHF also funds projects that investigate hearing loss variants, like tinnitus, Ménière's disease, hyperacusis, and auditory processing disorder. Mr. Higdon earned his master's degree in public administration from NYU Wagner School of Public Service, and holds a Bachelor's in Business Finance from Indiana University.

"I have tremendous confidence in Timothy to shape the future of HHF," says Elizabeth Keithley, Ph.D., Chair of the Board. "As government funding for hearing research remains inadequate, I am enthusiastic Timothy and the staff will generate the resources and oversee the processes so urgently needed to support our talented scientific grantees. I look forward to working with the HHF team to advance our vision for a world with better hearing loss treatments and cures."

Hearing Health Foundation (HHF) improves the lives of people with hearing loss and related conditions by funding research, connecting researchers, publicizing new findings, and promoting hearing health. Complex and interconnected, hearing loss and its variants impact speech processing, brain function, cognition, interpersonal relationships, psychological well-being, and quality of life. For more information, see <u>hhf.org</u>.

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