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Michael C. Tarwater Joining The Leon Levine Foundation

Effective January 2, 2019, Michael Tarwater will join The Leon Levine Foundation as a Senior Advisor and Board Member. In his role as Senior Advisor, Mr. Tarwater will be intricately involved with grant-making and strategy, reporting to Executive Director Tom Lawrence. As a Board Member, he will serve on the foundation's Board of Directors and report to Chairman Leon Levine.

Most recently, Mr. Tarwater worked for Carolinas Healthcare System (now known as Atrium Health). During his tenure – which spanned 35 years – he held numerous prestigious positions, ultimately retiring on June 30, 2016 after spending 14 years as the healthcare system's President and CEO.

Mr. Tarwater holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of West Florida and a Master of Science in hospital and health administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Throughout his career, Mr. Tarwater has also held a variety of leadership positions including: Chairman, Queens University of Charlotte Board of Trustees; Vice-Chairman, Fellowship for Performing Arts Board of Directors; Member, Duke Energy Advisory Board; Advisory Board Member, Pamlico Capital; Board Member, YMCA Greater Charlotte; Board Member, Roper St. Francis Healthcare; Board Member, Spoleto USA; Board Member, Champions for Education; Board Member, Heineman Medical Research Foundation; and Past Chairman, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Among other honors, Mr. Tarwater is a Life Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, Life Member of the North Carolina Hospital Association, and a member of North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

"We are both proud and excited to have Michael join our team at the foundation as we are in a period of steady expansion," said Leon Levine. "His vast business experience and expertise in healthcare and community initiatives will help us immeasurably as we continue to grow in Charlotte and other regions of the Carolinas."

Mr. Tarwater remarked, "I've known Sandra and Leon Levine for many years. I have greatly admired the breadth and depth of their philanthropy and the positive impact they have had on thousands of people throughout the Carolinas. I'm excited to join the Levine team and to help further their work."

About TLLF:

Created by Leon Levine – the founder of the first Family Dollar Store in Charlotte, N.C. – in 1980, The Leon Levine Foundation's mission is to improve the human condition by creating permanent, measurable, and life-changing impact throughout the Carolinas. The organization invests in nonprofits with strong leadership, a successful track record, and a focus on sustainability in the areas of healthcare, education, Jewish values, human services and the Charlotte community. For more information, please visit www.leonlevinefoundation.org.

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