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**DALLAS WOMEN'S FOUNDATION NAMES
ROSLYN DAWSON THOMPSON
AS NEW PRESIDENT & CEO**

Nationwide Search Conducted By Pearson Partners International

DALLAS, May 9, 2011 – The Dallas Women's Foundation announced today it has selected Roslyn Dawson Thompson as its next President and CEO. Dawson Thompson, who is a longtime advocate for women and girls with a deep understanding of the North Texas community, will start in her new role in early July. She succeeds Becky Sykes, who announced in December that she will retire at the end of June.

"Ros brings both passion and experience to Dallas Women's Foundation and its mission to lift the community by investing in women and girls," said Diana Dutton, president of the Dallas Women's Foundation Board of Trustees. "We enthusiastically welcome her leadership as the Foundation embarks on its second quarter century improving the lives of women and girls and empowering women philanthropists."

Dawson Thompson is an experienced business leader, an accomplished fundraiser and a dedicated community volunteer and philanthropist. She is currently Chair of the Parkland Foundation; has chaired the boards of the Center for Nonprofit Management and Texas Discovery Gardens; and has served as a member of the executive committees of Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas, the Junior League of Dallas and the YWCA. She has been actively involved with Dallas Women's Foundation since 1988, when she began the first of two terms of board service to the organization. The Women's Museum honored her with the Maura Award in 2009 in recognition of her contributions to improving the lives of women and girls.

"Helping women and girls, whether it be by volunteering in the community, planning a fundraising campaign or mentoring young businesswomen, has always been a passion of mine, so this is a natural next step in my life's work," said Dawson Thompson. "I am honored to work alongside the Board of Trustees and the staff of Dallas Women's Foundation, which is so respected as a pioneering leader in philanthropy by and for women."

A longtime Dallas resident, Dawson Thompson founded DAWSON+MURRAY+TEAGUE Communications, a full-service marketing communications firm and certified Woman Business Enterprise (WBE), in 1986. During her tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer, she had significant focus on the corporate responsibility, philanthropy and nonprofit sectors, serving clients including Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, National Center for Family Literacy and the Verizon Foundation. Dawson Thompson is in the process of transitioning the business to her partners, Norris Murray and Anna Marie Teague.

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The Dallas Women's Foundation Board of Trustees selected Dawson Thompson after a 5-month, nationwide search led by Dallas-based **Pearson Partners International** and a search committee comprised of Dallas Women's Foundation Board of Trustees and Advisory Council members.

About the Dallas Women's Foundation

The Dallas Women's Foundation strengthens the entire community by increasing the investment in women and girls and empowering women's philanthropy. The Foundation demonstrates its impact on the status of women and girls through gender-specific research, targeted grant making and philanthropic education. One of the largest and oldest of the 160 women's funds worldwide, Dallas Women's Foundation has invested more than \$15 million in nearly 1,000 programs, assisting a million women and girls. For information, visit www.DallasWomensFoundation.org.

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