

NORTHSIDE ACHIEVEMENT ZONE WELCOMES NEW CHIEF ADVANCEMENT OFFICER

The Northside Achievement Zone's and its Board of Directors are pleased to announce that M. Taylor Edgerton will serve as NAZ's Chief Advancement Officer (CAO), beginning on November 6.



M. Taylor Edgerton, MA

As CAO, M. Taylor will provide guidance and leadership, expanding NAZ's community presence and building the organization's investing partnerships. In her new role, she joins the NAZ Senior Management Team, will provide strategic direction and leadership to the NAZ Development and Communications teams, and will work side by side with NAZ's current Investment Campaign leadership.

"I am more than excited to have M. Taylor join the NAZ leadership team as our new CAO," said Sondra Samuels, President and CEO of NAZ. "Not only is she extremely skilled in the art and science of fund development, but she is also unreservedly passionate about our mission. M. Taylor has exactly what we need to help us move forward as a sustainable and effective organization. Join me in welcoming her to the movement that is NAZ!"

M. Taylor is a results-driven leader with nearly 15 years of nonprofit executive leadership and fund development. For the past five years, she served as CAO at The Family Partnership, an innovative and impactful Twin Cities nonprofit focused on building strong families, vital communities, and better futures for children. Her focus at The Family Partnership was to strategically grow the organization's philanthropic revenue and expand its community presence by strengthening the organization's investing partners and community partnerships.

Prior to joining The Family Partnership, M. Taylor worked as Director of Development at Twin Cities R!SE, where she created and implemented fundraising strategies, emphasizing growth for TCR!'s major donor initiatives and the launch of their planned giving program. M. Taylor also worked as a Development Officer in major/planned giving at Courage Center where her primary focus was on cultivating relationships with individuals.

M. Taylor currently serves as a Vice President on the Board of Directors for the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Minnesota Chapter and is a member of the Community Advisory Board for the Junior League of Minneapolis. She holds a MA in Leadership from Augsburg College and a BA in Religion (cum laude) from Wake Forest University. M. Taylor is married with three children.

About NAZ

NAZ is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a collaboration of 40+ organizations and schools dedicated to closing the academic achievement gap. Together they are working with over 1,000 North Minneapolis families with 2,300 children as they lift themselves out of multigenerational poverty, using education and whole family support as levers. The collaborative approach drives more effective use of public and private resources, which further supports a net cost savings to society. In addition to the Minnesota Business Partnership's Minnesota's Future award, NAZ was awarded the 2015 Best Nonprofit Award by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce. www.the-naz.org.