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Kilian Named Initiative Foundation Vice President

The Initiative Foundation announced the promotion of Matt Kilian to the new position of vice president for external relations.

Kilian, a 12-year staff member, will lead the foundation's merged donor services and communications teams and assist with strategic planning. His responsibilities will include helping donors maximize the impact and tax advantages of their gifts as well as providing editorial direction for IQ Magazine, an alternative journalism publication for community leaders.

"I have always been proud to be a part of an organization that was built on generosity," Kilian said. "Now I'm even more proud to be in a position where I can help generous people who want to help their communities."

The foundation currently has more than 850 donors and manages the assets of 45 funds that help families, businesses and communities leave a legacy and meet their charitable goals.

"Our President Kathy Gaalswyk and I are very excited about this important transition at the Initiative Foundation," said Lee Hanson, Board chair. "Matt Kilian understands the power of engaging local people in giving back to their community and to their regional community foundation. The Initiative Foundation offers many creative ways for people to share their time and talent to improve the health of our region's communities."

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