

## **Bush Foundation Names Communications Officer**

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St. Paul, Minnesota (March 6, 2003)—The Bush Foundation named Mary Bensman to lead communication efforts to improve the regional grantmaker's outreach to individuals and organizations in its grantmaking territory. The Bush Foundation intends to streamline some of its processes, become more accessible and better share what it has learned through its fifty years of work.

Bush Foundation President Anita Pampusch said, "Mary's skills and experience strengthen the Foundation's ability to increase its impact on the region by communicating lessons learned from our grantmaking and by finding ways for us to engage effectively in dialogue with the communities we serve."

Bensman has a background in health care marketing and public relations and most recently was Director of Marketing for Fairview Health Services.

The Bush Foundation, one of the region's largest independent foundations, awards grants to programs in education, human services and health, the arts, ecological health. It also awards fellowships to develop individual leadership and talent. Primary consideration is given to grants within the states of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Bush Foundation was established by Archibald and Edyth Bush in 1953.