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In July 2008, the Bush Foundation announced *Goals for a Decade*, an ambitious program aimed at developing courageous leaders and engaging communities in problem-solving, supporting the self-determination of Native nations and increasing educational achievement.

The Foundation's shift from traditional grantmaking to the partnership-based methodology of *Goals for a Decade* has required complementary shifts in staffing. As a result, Bush Foundation Program Officer Lee-Hoon Benson will leave the Foundation effective June 5, 2009.

Benson came to the Foundation in 1998 after a career as a high school teacher and college program director both in the Twin Cities and in her native Malaysia. During her 11-year tenure, Benson was involved in grantmaking related to ecological health, human services and education, including leading the Foundation's pilot project focused on increasing high school graduation in five school districts in Minnesota and South Dakota. In these roles, she assisted about 200 nonprofit organizations in strengthening their programs with more than \$37 million in Bush Foundation funds.

Bush Foundation President Peter C. Hutchinson said, "Lee-Hoon is a skilled grantmaker, a person of great integrity and a passionate advocate for those with the fewest advantages. We know that she will continue to make great contributions to philanthropy as she has during her years at the Bush Foundation."

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