



**ANDREW JACKSON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES CINDY LEONARD  
AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

***New Hire Adds to the Executive Management Team as AJF  
Seeks to Expand Impact of The Hermitage and Programs***

**NASHVILLE, TENN.** (Feb. 1, 2024) – The Andrew Jackson Foundation (AJF), the Nashville-based non-profit whose endeavors include the operation of [Andrew Jackson's Hermitage](#) and the Andrew Jackson Museum, announced today Cindy Leonard has joined the organization as chief financial officer.

A magna cum laude graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a Masters in Accounting from Babson College, Leonard joins the AJF after serving as finance director for the Diocese of Nashville and in a similar role with St. Matthew Catholic Church and School in Franklin, Tenn.

As CFO, Leonard will be responsible for all aspects of the financial and human resources operations of the AJF and The Hermitage, the 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark located in suburban Nashville and home of the nation's seventh president. Reporting to the AJF Board of Trustees, Leonard will serve on the foundation's Executive Management Team, helping to develop and implement the organization's vision and mission.

"This is an exciting time of growth and opportunity for the Andrew Jackson Foundation and The Hermitage, one of the most beloved historic sites in Tennessee," said Leonard. "I look forward to being a part of the positive cultural and educational impact of this institution as we look toward the future while honoring the legacy of Andrew Jackson."

Leonard joins the AJF as it continues to evolve the role of The Hermitage as a catalyst for change, education and dialogue. Andrew Jackson, a popular icon of American history, remains a polarizing figure. The Hermitage serves as an important touchstone to his enduring relevance, providing new perspectives on the man and his times. The foundation's mission is to preserve the historic property and its contents, create valuable learning opportunities and inspire citizenship.

"The financial well-being of our operations is critically important to our growth and planning, and we're fortunate to have someone of Cindy's abilities to take the lead," said Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO

of the Andrew Jackson Foundation. “She brings an extraordinary track record to the Andrew Jackson Foundation, and we’re excited to have her as part of the team that will guide our efforts going forward.”

The Hermitage was Andrew Jackson’s home from 1804 until his death in 1845. The property was originally preserved and operated by the Ladies’ Hermitage Association, later named the Andrew Jackson Foundation. First opened to the public in 1889, it is one of the oldest, largest and most popular presidential homesites and museums in the U.S.

***About Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage***

*Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage: Home of the People’s President is one of the largest, most well-preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889, The Hermitage is one of America’s first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 20 historic buildings, including Jackson’s mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of more than 230,000 annual visitors. For more information, visit [www.thehermitage.com](http://www.thehermitage.com).*

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