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## BoardSource Welcomes New Members to its Board of Directors

Washington, D.C. – BoardSource is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its Board of Directors: Carol A. Goss, fellow, Advanced Leadership Initiative program, Harvard University, and former president & CEO, The Skillman Foundation; Sharon Rossmark, CEO, Zayos Global Ventures; and Angela F. Williams, executive vice president, general counsel, and chief administration officer, YMCA of the USA.

"With 26 years of experience building stronger and more effective boards, board leaders, and nonprofit organizations to serve their missions better, BoardSource understands that nothing is more important to the health and sustainability of an organization than getting highly qualified and enthusiastic people to serve on its board," said Anne Wallestad, president & CEO of BoardSource. "These three individuals are deeply committed to BoardSource's mission, bring expertise and depth of experience, and represent diverse points of view. I'm thrilled that they have agreed to serve BoardSource and look forward to their leadership in the years ahead."

**Carol A. Goss** has been hailed as an "Idealist in Action" by City Year Detroit, as one of Southeast Michigan's most influential women by Crain's *Detroit Business*, as a Michiganian of the Year by the *Detroit News*, and as an "Unsung Hero" by the *Detroit Free Press* and Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. These and other awards are in recognition of the valuable work Goss has done — as the former president and CEO of The Skillman Foundation, as a philanthropist, and as a nonprofit board leader — to improve the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit by strengthening its schools and neighborhoods.

Sharon Rossmark president and CEO of Zayos Global Ventures, a liquidation specialist consulting firm has 30 years of experience in the insurance and financial services industry including eight years as an executive with Allstate Insurance. Throughout her career she has shared her governance and business expertise with the nonprofit sector through board service. Currently, she is the board chair of the National Children's Center - Washington, D.C., vice chair of Sinai Health System - Chicago, and a board member of Special Olympics Illinois. Rossmark has earned the Governance Fellow designation from the National Association of Corporate Directors and, in honor of her father's WWII and D-Day service, established an endowed

scholarship to support U.S. military soldiers and veterans majoring in business at Illinois State University, her undergraduate alma mater.

Angela F. Williams is bi-vocational — she is both an ordained minister and a lawyer. Named one of the 20 most influential general counsels in America by the *National Law Journal*, Williams currently serves as executive vice president, general counsel, and chief administration officer for YMCA of the USA, where she works closely with the national board of directors. Prior to joining Y-USA, Williams was the interfaith liaison for the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. In that capacity, she oversaw the processing of \$25 million in grants to rebuild houses of worship in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. She also is a 2005 Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute, a program that develops the next generation of community-spirited leaders.

"BoardSource's mission is to champion the importance of strong and effective board leadership, and to support organizations and their boards as they strive for excellence," said John Griswold, chair of the BoardSource board of directors. "As you would expect, that means that we hold our own board to a high standard, and strive to model the best of what board leadership can be. Each of these new board leaders – Carol Goss, Sharon Rossmark, and Angela Williams - embodies all the characteristics of exceptional board leaders, and we are thrilled to have them join our team."

## **About BoardSource**

BoardSource is the recognized leader in nonprofit board leadership and supports, trains, and educates more than 100,000 nonprofit board leaders from across the country each year. With 25 years of experience, BoardSource provides leaders with an extensive range of tools and resources to increase board's effectiveness and strengthen organizational impact. It also serves as the national voice for inspired and effective board leadership. BoardSource is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit www.boardsource.org.

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