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Freedom First Welcomes Keith Perry and David Lowen to Board of Directors

August 2021 (Roanoke, VA) — Freedom First recently appointed two new members to its volunteer Board of Directors—**Keith Perry and David Lowen.**

Keith Perry currently serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Carilion Clinic, where he leads the alignment of information and technology services with the overall strategic objectives of the organization. Prior to joining Carilion Clinic, Mr. Perry served as Administrator of Technology Services for the University of Virginia Health System.

David Lowen is a retired tax partner from Foti, Flynn, Lowen & Co. with over 40 years of experience in public accounting with extensive experience in preparation and review of corporate, partnership, individual, estate and fiduciary tax returns in a variety of industries. For the past four decades, he has been building a repertoire of expertise in individual, trust, and estate tax as well as partnership, corporate, and multi-state tax returns.

Freedom First is led by a diverse volunteer Board of Directors from different backgrounds, personally and professionally, all with the same purpose of investing in our community through strong products, services, and Impact Banking programs. “There are organizations I have longed admired for their benevolence and commitment to the community--Freedom First was one of them,” says Board Secretary Melinda Payne. “When I became a member of the Board, I was ecstatic because now I was part of an organization that strives and succeeds at being a strong corporate asset for the total community providing resources in so many ways.”

“It’s an honor to serve on the Freedom First Board of Directors and to have a say in community directed funding efforts and development work,” says Board Treasurer Michelle Davis.

“Our entire Board of Directors embody the spirit of community and bring talent, expertise and energy to help guide the Credit Union,” says Paul Phillips, Freedom First CEO/President. “We are grateful to have a talented and dedicated Board of Directors that volunteer their time to the growth of Freedom First by always keeping the Roanoke & New River Valley community and members in mind.”

For information about Freedom First Credit Union’s board of directors and the positions they hold, visit <https://www.freedomfirstcu.com/about-us/board-of-directors/>.

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