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NextFifty Initiative Announces Four New Board Members

Nonprofit organization created to improve the quality of life for people in the second 50 years of their lives adds board expertise in the areas of aging, healthcare, advocacy & nonprofit management

DENVER – [NextFifty Initiative](#), an innovative grant-making nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in the second 50 years of their life, today announced that it has added four new board members as the newly created organization prepares to accept grant applications focused on seniors in 2017. The new board members' collective expertise in the areas of aging, healthcare, advocacy, nonprofit management and administration will strengthen NextFifty Initiative and ensure that it will be a powerful engine for innovation that will help transform how people age.

Strengthening the board is NextFifty Initiative's latest step as it prepares to begin soliciting and distributing grants. Last month, the organization named [Margaret Franckhauser](#), R.N., as its first CEO. Franckhauser will join NextFifty Initiative on Jan. 1, 2017, from Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice and will lead the organization as it refines its strategic plan, establishes fundraising priorities and creates a stronger infrastructure.

The new board members include:

- **Lynn M. Taussig**, M.D. – Dr. Taussig is a highly respected healthcare expert whose career has spanned patient care, teaching, clinical research and administration, including in the areas of aging. He is the former president and CEO of National Jewish Health, and currently serves as a special advisor to the Provost for Life Sciences at the University of Denver. Over the course of his career, he has volunteered with nearly two dozen nonprofit organizations in the Denver area ranging from Colorado Concern to Parkinson Association of the Rockies to Mile High United Way.
- **Benjamin Moultrie** – Mr. Moultrie is an active volunteer and advocate for issues relating to aging. Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper appointed him to the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging, and he volunteers as a legislative advocate and executive council member for AARP Colorado. Mr. Moultrie is retired following a 35-year professional career that included positions related to space systems technology research and development, systems engineering and financial services.
- **Gilbert "Bo" Ortiz** – Mr. Ortiz is the Pueblo County Clerk & Recorder, where he manages 43 employees in four county departments. He also has a 22-year track record as a successful small business owner and the Latino Chamber of Commerce Pueblo recognized his company as the Small Business of the Decade.

- **Jeremy Schupbach** – Mr. Schupbach is the Director of Legislative Relations for the Colorado Bar Association, where he uses his lobbying and advocacy skills to aggressively pursue the organization’s legislative priorities. Additionally, he serves on the board of directors of Dental Lifeline Network, is a public policy committee member of the Colorado Nonprofit Association and is a former board member of the Colorado Alliance for Health and Independence.

“The NextFifty Initiative board of directors conducted an exhaustive search to identify individuals who would strengthen our board’s breadth of talent and expertise, and we are delighted to announce these four individuals who will make a meaningful and positive impact on our organization,” said board chairman Marco D. Chayet.

Moultrie, Ortiz, Schupbach and Taussig join existing board members Chayet, an elder law attorney and managing partner at the law firm Chayet & Danzo; Parrish Boren, president of the architecture, engineering and construction consulting firm Marx|Okubo Associates; Joie Glenn, executive director of the New Mexico Association for Home and Hospice Care; Maureen Hanrahan, a Denver-based healthcare consultant; Jill Higham, director of development at Colorado State University’s College of Agricultural Sciences; Greg Ibsen, CEO of the commercial janitorial company Summit Service Group; Randy McCall, executive director of the Minority Business Development Agency-Denver Business Center; and Tim Owen, director of commercial operations at blood-based diagnostic test maker Biodesix.

About NextFifty Initiative

NextFifty Initiative is an independent, Colorado-based nonprofit organization dedicated to funding mission-driven, senior care-related initiatives that improve community services for the elderly population and caregivers. The organization was created from the proceeds of InnovAge’s \$196 million sale to a private equity firm earlier this year, and it will seek, vet and fund game-changing breakthroughs to improve and sustain quality of life for people in the second 50 years of their lives. It will also provide stringent measures for all outcomes, educate relevant communities about proven initiatives and advocate for transformational change for seniors and those who care for them. For more information, visit www.next50initiative.org.

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