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Patricia L. Smith – Senior Policy Advisor, The Reinvestment Fund

Patricia L. Smith serves as The Reinvestment Fund's (TRF) Senior Policy Advisor. A US Treasury- certified Community Development Financial Institution, TRF has invested \$1 billion in 2500 projects that create affordable housing, high-performing charter schools, quality supermarkets, and green businesses across the mid-Atlantic region.

During her career, Ms. Smith has held leadership positions in the foundation, government and nonprofit sectors. At TRF, she is responsible for communicating TRF's policy positions to a wide range of stakeholders. Her current portfolio includes directing TRF's federal, state and local efforts to improve access to healthier foods in low-income urban neighborhoods and rural communities.

Ms. Smith has presented at numerous conferences on community development. She is a contributor to "*Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-first Century*", a collection of essays on the urban greening movement. Ms. Smith currently serves on the City of Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council and the governing body of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Ms. Smith is a 2002 Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow. She holds a BA from Mount Holyoke College and JD from George Washington University Law Center.

Khanh Nguyen – Portfolio Director, Healthy Living, The Colorado Health Foundation

Khanh Nguyen is the portfolio director for the Colorado Health Foundation. In this role, she leads the Healthy Living philanthropy team that focuses on reducing Colorado's obesity rate by investing in nonprofits throughout the state. Previously, Nguyen served as a consultant for various local foundations including the Denver Foundation, Piton Foundation, and Caring for Colorado Foundation. Prior to consulting, she served as a program officer and director of the Colorado Grants Program for the Daniels Fund.

Nguyen has a bachelor's from the University of Denver, master's of arts from the University of Colorado-Denver, and a law degree from the University of Denver. She currently serves on the Governor's Rural Health Care Grants Council. Nguyen was admitted to the Colorado Bar in fall of 2003 (currently inactive) and was a 2004 American Marshall Memorial Fellow.