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**Kristi Kimball Joins Schwab Foundation
As Executive Director**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – Kristi Kimball, an education philanthropy expert and advisor to numerous education funders, joined the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation in October as its new Executive Director.

“Education is a fundamental building block of prosperity for individuals and for our country as a whole,” said Schwab Foundation Chairman Charles Schwab. “Kristi is the ideal person to help us stake out a leadership role for the Schwab Foundation in improving education.”

“Kristi’s experience and know-how in education philanthropy are just what we need to sharpen our strategy and increase our impact,” said Schwab Foundation President Helen Schwab.

Most recently, Kimball has served as a consultant to education funders and ngos on projects including strategic planning, evaluation, grantmaking support, policy change work, and grantee network facilitation. Her recent clients and partners include: Bay Area Council, Collective Invention, Education Counsel, Education First Consulting, Expeditionary Learning, Foundation Center, Gates Foundation, George Lucas Educational Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, Kabcenell Foundation, Monitor Institute, National Public Education Support Foundation, and Raikes Foundation.

In 2011, Kristi completed an 8-year term as Program Officer at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, where she managed more than \$85 million in grants to improve K-12 education in California and nationwide. As part of the foundation’s “Deeper Learning” strategy to ensure that all students acquire the higher-order skills needed for success in college, careers and life, Kristi led the Proof Points portfolio. This included investments in a national network of model schools and districts, research and evaluation, and communications.

“I’m thrilled to be working with the Schwab Foundation,” Kimball said. “Their focus on charter schools, teacher quality and new models of teaching and learning are right on the mark in terms of where all the innovative work is happening in education today.”

Among Kimball’s responsibilities at the Schwab Foundation will be to manage the foundation’s overall operations and to direct its grantmaking in two areas: K-12 education and human services.

She has served on the board of a number of nonprofit organizations, including most recently Grantmakers for Education and Envision Education.

Raised in Northern Virginia, Kimball holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

Earlier in her career, Kristi served in the U.S. Department of Education during the Clinton Administration, in the Education Policy Research Center at the Urban Institute, and in the Education Office of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.



About the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation

The Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation was established by Charles and Helen Schwab in 1987. It is a private foundation and is separate from The Charles Schwab Corporation and from the Charles Schwab Corporate Foundation. The Foundation gives away between \$10 - \$15 million in grants annually to organizations working in California and nationwide, with a focus on K-12 education and human services.

The Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation believes that every person has the potential and deserves the opportunity to lead a happy and productive life. A quality education holds the key to much of this. Today, many young people in California and beyond are denied the education they deserve. The status quo has not served them well. We seek out organizations that turn the tables on this unacceptable reality to ensure that each student reaches his or her full potential. This is our primary focus.

The Foundation also recognizes that human suffering takes many different forms and affects people from all walks of life. For this reason, we also support organizations that alleviate poverty and suffering, take aim at its root causes, and give people a fair shot at their own success. For more information see: www.schwabfoundation.org

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