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### Anne Funderburg Joins Brookings Area United Way

Brookings, Apr 2021 – Anne Funderburg will join Brookings Area United Way as the Administrative Assistant and will continue to propel the organization forward in Brookings County. Funderburg came to SDSU from Spencer, Iowa to gain her degree in Leadership and Management of Nonprofit Organizations with a minor in Advertising. Her and her husband, Preston, are eager to deepen their roots in Brookings.

Starting as an intern in 2020, Funderburg quickly found a passion for enhancing BAUW’s internal structures and extending capacity, while also leading the first implementation of Born Learning Trails in Brookings. Heidi Gullickson, BAUW’s Executive Director, states “We are excited to add Anne to the full-time team. She has been an asset this last year and the transition from intern to full-time will maximize effectiveness of the organization. She has been helping coordinate all of our internal programs since last May and will continue to serve as the main contact for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.”

Funderburg is ready to continue her work with BAUW in Brookings, “I am eager to continue as a full-time employee because I believe that every person deserves the opportunity to be their best self. United Way along with their funded partners, create this opportunity for our local residents. I am blessed to be a part of an organization working towards this goal through our three pillars: Education, Health & Financial Stability. I am passionate about creating a stronger Brookings County.”

Previously BAUW has had two full-time staff with seasonal interns and work study students. This addition of staff will expand capacity, resources, and support for nonprofits in Brookings County. By increasing capacity, BAUW will be able to convene more entities to start larger community discussions and initiatives based around holistic support for individuals in our community.

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