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**Dr. Grace Lubwama joins Advia Credit Union’s Board of Directors**

Advia Credit Union, headquartered in Kalamazoo, MI, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Grace Lubwama to its volunteer Board of Directors.

With a distinguished leadership background in nonprofit and health sectors, Dr. Lubwama brings a wealth of experience and unique perspective that will be invaluable in driving Advia’s mission and community impact. She currently serves as the President/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, playing a transformative role in advancing community well-being and driving positive change.

Prior to joining the KZCF, Dr. Lubwama served as CEO of YWCA Kalamazoo for nearly 10 years, and she has over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit and public health sectors. During her tenure at YWCA Kalamazoo, she grew the organization in a multitude of ways. From expanding existing programs to creating new programs to ensure the needs of the women and families in Kalamazoo are being met, Dr. Lubwama’s presence has been felt throughout our community and has impacted the lives of its residents.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Lubwama to our Board of Directors," said Jeff Fielder, President & CEO of Advia Credit Union. "Her extensive experience, combined with her visionary leadership, will complement our strategic efforts and further our mission to provide financial advantages and make a positive difference in the lives of our members and the community."

Other Advia Board members include Nicole Kalmbach, Board Chair, Donna Kalmeta, Vice Chair, Marty Doorn, Director, Jim Bouma, Director, Rich Seim, Secretary, and Mike Segal, Treasurer.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Lubwama as our newest board member,” Nicole Kalmbach said. “Her contributions to southwest Michigan are noteworthy and we are confident that her thought leadership will equally benefit Advia’s growing communities throughout Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.”

Advia is led by a group of seven volunteer Board members. The governing Board of Directors oversee strategic planning, approve operating policies, oversee the credit union’s President & CEO, ensure that the credit union is meeting all federal and state regulations, and maintain, review, and update the credit union’s bylaws. The role of being a board member is very important as these individuals represent Advia’s membership and guide its mission of providing financial advantages and improving the economic and social well-being of its members and communities served.

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**Dr. Grace Lubwama**

Advia Credit Union’s mission is to provide financial advantages to its members. With $3 billion in assets, Advia seeks to provide quick and easy access to money and time-saving financial tools to over 200,000 members in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Advia’s team of over 500 professionals delivers excellent service and innovative products at 28 locations and via digital and mobile platforms. Advia is guided by its core values: driving progress, acting with integrity, building and strengthening relationships, and keeping people at the core. Visit www.adviacu.org to learn more about how Advia provides Real Advantages for Real People™.

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