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**Abby Gibson Memorial Foundation Welcomes Donna Foster
As New Executive Director**

KNOXVILLE, TN (September, 2014) Donna Foster, Abby's grandmother, will serve as the new executive director of the Abby Gibson Memorial Foundation effective immediately, following the resignation of Jennifer Gibson Boyle, Abby's mother.

Ms. Foster, who Abby referred to as her "Nana", formerly served as secretary on the Foundation's Board of Directors. She has worked behind-the-scenes on all of the charitable projects done in Abby's memory. "Donna was very close to Abby and is deeply committed to our mission of honoring Abby's life and memory through the support of the Abby Gibson Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Endowment and programs that provide East Tennessee children and youth with therapeutic and/or educational interactions with animals," said Lauren Clay, co-director.

Ms. Foster's appointment comes after Mrs. Boyle announced in early September that she would be accepting a fundraising and event planning position at a local non-profit organization. "I am delighted that the Board chose my mother as my successor. For many years, she has worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes and I am certain she and co-director, Lauren Clay, will continue to do many wonderful things in Abby's memory," said Mrs. Boyle. "I am forever grateful for the support and generosity that the community has extended to us since Abby's passing and thank each and every one of you for helping us honor Abby's life and memory."

The Abby Gibson Memorial Foundation is an all volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization created in memory of ten-year-old Abby Gibson. Abby passed away suddenly on June 3, 2010 from injuries she sustained in a horseback riding accident. The mission of the Foundation is to honor Abby's life and memory through the support of the Abby Gibson Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Endowment and programs that provide East Tennessee children and youth with therapeutic and/or educational interactions with animals.

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