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\*Speaker photos available upon request



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Christine Hensley and Shekinah Young team up to speak on public service, social change and women of influence**

*Des Moines, Iowa* – The Chrysalis Foundation will hold the second of three Chrysalis Conversations events on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Former Des Moines Councilperson Christine Hensley and former City Chief Communications Officer Shekinah Young will speak together at the Wakonda Club in Des Moines from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For nearly a quarter century, Hensley served as a citizen spokesperson through her position on the Des Moines City Council. During that time, Hensley mentored Young in her former role as City COO, and the two formed a bond recognizing public service as a vehicle to drive social change. The women will discuss how each influenced the other, crossing generations and political views for the betterment of their community.

In honor of Chrysalis Foundation's 30th anniversary, this year's series demonstrates the spirit of the organization's three founders: Louise Noun, Elaine Szymoniak and Barbara Barrett. Featured speakers share stories of their lives and experiences, and the challenges they have faced. Guests are encouraged to bring a colleague or mentee. The final Conversations event for 2019 will take place Wednesday, May 22. More information on speakers and registration is available [chrysalisfdn.org](http://chrysalisfdn.org).

Throughout 2019, Chrysalis Foundation is celebrating 30 years of ensuring that girls and women continue to have opportunities to grow, learn, contribute and transform Central Iowa. Through the anniversary theme of "Leading Legacies," Chrysalis will host various events celebrating its history and the passion of the women who started the organization, inviting audiences to hear from inspiring leaders of today, and inviting mentorship for future legacies in the making.

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**About Chrysalis Foundation**

As a public charity, Chrysalis was founded to ensure the safety, security, education, and economic empowerment of all girls and women in central Iowa. Today, Chrysalis continues to raise funds, deliver grants, lead programs and educate the community through the support and participation of local partners, schools, colleges, donors and volunteers. Thousands of girls have participated in Chrysalis After-School programs since it began in 1998, and tens of thousands have benefitted from the work of agencies partnering with Chrysalis for more than 30 years.