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JESSIE BALL DUPONT FUND NAMES CONSTANTINE VICE PRESIDENT

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – Mark D. Constantine has been named Vice President for Strategy, Policy and Learning of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, announced Sherry Magill, president of the Fund.

Constantine served as Senior Fellow for the Fund from 2005 through 2009, and before that, advised the Fund as an independent consultant. Constantine is widely known in national philanthropic circles, and is the author of two books: *Wit and Wisdom: Unleashing the Philanthropic Imagination* and *Travelers on the Journey: Pastors Talk about Their Lives and Commitments*. He is also the author of *Where Hope and History Rhyme: Reflections and Findings from the Mid South Commission to Build Philanthropy*.

“Constantine’s promotion comes as a critical time in the Fund’s evolution as we position ourselves to work in a more focused way to promote asset development, increase access to opportunities, and improve outcomes for children and youth in the communities where we invest,” Magill said. “I am personally delighted that he accepted this task.”

Constantine has served for more than a decade as a consultant to foundations and national nonprofit organizations on issues related to governance, strategy and learning. His clients have included CFED, Demos, First Nations Development Institute, Ford Foundation, Foundation for the Mid South, Fund for Theological Education, Lilly Endowment, Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, MDC, Inc., Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Southern Education

Foundation and the Umatilla Tribal Community Foundation. He served as the Assistant Executive Director of the Kathleen Price Bryan Family Fund.

Constantine holds a Master of Business Administration from The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Duke Divinity School. He was a 2006/2007 Fellow of the Emerging Leaders Program directed by the Center for Leadership and Public Values at the University of Cape Town and Duke University.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund makes grants to more than 330 eligible organizations identified by Mrs. duPont in her will. It has assets of more than \$265 million and has awarded more than \$291 million in grants since 1977.

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