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Muller to lead local foundation

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The new executive director of the Russell County Area Community Foundation, Angela Muller, rural Russell, started in this position March 14. She said, "I enjoy helping people, and this is the perfect position to support Russell County and its (surrounding) communities."

She commented one reason she accepted her current position is because the Russell County

Area Community Foundation provides a number of scholarships. Muller said, by helping to give these scholarships to others, she is helping those people make their own mark in the world.

Speaking about her role as executive director, Muller said, "My vision is to support Russell County area non-profits and organizations and people in need and also work closely with donors to make the foundation

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robust and effective. My relationship style is easygoing, and my door is always open to people interested in working with and contributing to the foundation."

Muller, a Kansas native, was born in Manhattan to Dr. Charles and Barbara Stinchcomb, rural Russell. Muller grew up in Russell, graduating from Russell High School in 1988.

She possesses an bachelor's degree in economics from Kansas State University. She also enjoys studying about other cultures. As a result, while in college, she also studied military history, conflict studies, and the Russian language.

Later, Muller decided to earn a master's degree. With the help of a Rotary International scholarship, she earned her graduate degree in defense security studies at the University of Reading in England.

She worked in Washington, D.C., from 1994 to 2010. She was employed in a number of jobs with federal and non-profit agencies. She has experience working as an information analyst for the United States' Central Intelligence Agency and as a staff

member for policy makers in Washington, D.C. She was in that city when the terrorist attack on the Pentagon occurred Sept. 11, 2001. That disaster impressed upon Muller the need to serve where there is a

need.

Muller said she moved back to Russell because it is her hometown and a great place to raise her family. She and her husband, Kai, have two sons, Edwin, 5; and Diego, 6.



COMMITTED TO SERVICE -- Angela Muller, rural Russell, who recently became the executive director of the Russell County Area Community Foundation, is pictured at the foundation's office in Russell.