The Gabriela Mistral Foundation, Inc. announces the appointment of a new member to its Board of Directors

NEW YORK, October 1st, 2023—The Board of Directors of the Gabriela Mistral Foundation Inc—a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) not-for-profit organization founded in 2007 and based in New York, has the pleasure of announcing that on September 24, 2023, Mr. Oscar Stephens has joined our Executive Board in the position of Director.

Mr. Stephens is a Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, LLP, where he represents sponsors and lenders in a variety of financing transactions with a focus on Latin America. He has relevant experience in the energy, oil & gas, renewables, banking, financial services, construction, manufacturing, and food & beverage industries. A native of Chile, Oscar holds an LL.M. degree from Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law, and a law degree from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. With more than twenty years of legal practice, Oscar is also the President of the North American-Chilean Chamber of Commerce in New York, an institution with more than 100 years of existence with a mission of strengthening commercial relations between Chile and the United States. Mr. Stephens has been a long-time friend and supporter of the Gabriela Mistral Foundation, Inc. We are honored to have him as a part of our team as we continue to work that benefits children and seniors in need, as well as to continuing to promote the important literary and humanitarian work and legacy of Gabriela Mistral.

About Gabriela Mistral
Gabriela Mistral was born on April 7, 1889 in the northern Chilean city of Vicuña as Lucila de Maria del Perpetuo Socorro Godoy Alcayaga. She was a Chilean educator, poet, diplomat, feminist and was the First Latin American person to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1945. Gabriela was born and raised in a poor area of northern Chile where from an early age, she was in close contact with the those in need. Gabriela started helping her family by working as a Teacher’s Aide in the public school system, and later pursued a career as a teacher while writing the poetry that would later make her internationally famous. She taught at schools throughout the country and developed a deep love and commitment to the poor—especially towards the children of her beloved Chile. Her literary successes gave her international recognition. In 1922, she accepted an invitation from the Government of Mexico to work on the educational reform and public libraries systems. Later, she toured and lectured extensively in Europe and in the United States. As many other intellectuals of her time, she was also appointed Consul in many different cities including Madrid, Lisbon, Nice, Petrópolis, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Veracruz, Naples and New York where she taught at Barnard College, Columbia University, Vassar College and others. She resided in New York where she died on January 10, 1957.

About the Gabriela Mistral Foundation, Inc.
Founded in 2007, the Foundation carries on the legacy of Gabriela Mistral, particularly, her love and care for the children and seniors of her native country, Chile. For this purpose, the Foundation promotes and celebrates the life and work of the poet’s literary and humanitarian achievements by holding programs and events, and, by providing support to organizations that make an impact in the quality of life and opportunities of those in need.
To promote and disseminate the extensive and important literary work of Gabriela Mistral—Nobel Prize in Literature 1945—the Foundation translates her poetry and essays into English and produces printed and audiovisual material, bilingual editions of her work—which the Foundation makes available at no charge to schools in the United States, Chile and around the world.

For more information about our mission, our work and our board members, please visit: www.gabrielamistralfoundation.org

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