Rhea Feikin and Beth Suarez join MPT Foundation Board of Directors

Owings Mills, MD — The MPT Foundation, Inc. has announced the appointment of Rhea Feikin and Beth Suarez to its board of directors.

The MPT Foundation, Inc. is the 501(c) (3) fundraising affiliate of Maryland Public Television (MPT). Incorporated in 1981 as the Maryland Public Broadcasting Foundation, Inc., the foundation today comprises approximately two dozen members drawn from Maryland business, civic, and cultural communities to assist MPT in securing private contributions and foundation grants.

Before retiring in March, Rhea Feikin served as an on-air host for MPT productions for more than four decades and as the network’s principal pledge drive spokesperson. Feikin was introduced to MPT viewers on the 1970s series Consumer Survival Kit and later hosted Artworks This Week, MPT on Location, Chesapeake Collectibles, and the celebrity interview series Impressions with Rhea Feikin. She currently serves as honorary chair of MPT’s comprehensive fundraising campaign.

Feikin earned a bachelor’s degree in speech pathology from the University of Maryland. She resides in Baltimore.

Beth Suarez is director of development for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Prior to this position, she served as executive director of the Booz Allen Foundation. Earlier, she worked in development roles at PBS over the course of 14 years, serving as the vice president of development for seven of those years. Suarez has also worked as senior director of development for Catholic Charities USA and as director of philanthropic relations for GuideStar.

Suarez is a graduate of Saint Lawrence University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in government. She resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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