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REDF Expands Board of Directors with Appointment of Chinwe Onyeagoro
Onyeagoro brings expertise in freelance worker software and financing to REDF's board

SAN FRANCISCO (January 4, 2018) — Chinwe Onyeagoro, CEO & Co-Founder of PocketSuite, has been elected to REDF's Board of Directors. In joining the board, Onyeagoro brings her professional expertise in small business operations, financing, and performance acceleration, along with her passion for supporting the creation of good jobs in communities worldwide.

At PocketSuite, Onyeagoro is responsible for growth, strategic partnerships, and customer success. Prior to joining PocketSuite, Chinwe served as President & Chief Strategy Officer for Great Place to Work™ where she advised leaders on culture, change management and leadership effectiveness at the largest telecommunications company, the largest bio-pharma companies, and the fastest growing SaaS companies in the world. Previously, Onyeagoro worked at top management consultancies including *McKinsey & Company* and *The Monitor Group* – acquired by *Deloitte* in 2013. Chinwe was the founder of O-H Community Partners (OHcp), an economic development consulting firm, and FundWell, a financial services technology firm, which raised a combined \$150 million in financing for small businesses and social enterprises across the country. Onyeagoro earned her A.B. in Economics and East Asian Studies from Harvard University and is a Henry Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute.

“Chinwe has been a valued and trusted advisor and supporter on REDF's Advisory Council for many years, and we're thrilled to now have her join our board,” said Carla Javits, REDF President & CEO. “Her passion for helping business leaders create good jobs and strong communities complements REDF's commitment to create jobs for people striving to overcome employment barriers, and I know she will contribute so much in this new role.”

“I have long been an evangelist of REDF's special brand of social venture investing. It is laser-focused on accelerating financially viable business models that provide critical transitional employment opportunities for those most in need. I am proud to join the REDF Board as the organization continues to support and contribute to a strong, growing ecosystem of public and private partners that are scaling 'what works' ”, said Onyeagoro.

As the newest member of REDF's Board of Directors, Onyeagoro joins dynamic leaders from multiple industries including Vice-Chair Stuart Davidson, Managing Partner Labrador Venture and Chairman of Sonen Capital; Bonnie Boswell, Creator and Executive Producer of *Bonnie Boswell Reports*, Adam Smith, Director, Product Management, Google; Dan Rose, Vice President, Partnerships at Facebook; and Elizabeth Y.A. Ferguson, Managing Director of the Drexel Oceania LLC.

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