**About Deb Houghtaling**

Deb was named President & CEO of The Wallace Centers of Iowa in May 2018. Houghtaling has a BA, Summa Cum Laude from Buena Vista University. She earned a Master’s degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University with a concentration in Housing/Community Development and focus in finance. Since then she has worked in community development in both rural and urban settings, including 11 years as Executive Director of Grow Iowa Foundation in southwest Iowa and 3 years as a Detroit Revitalization fellow in Detroit, MI.

Active in the Greenfield community, Houghtaling served seven years on the city council, and five years as president of the Chamber of Commerce/Main Street. She manages Ed & Eva’s gift shop in the Warren Cultural Center, and also owns 180 Workshop, a design studio that creates jewelry, wall art and home goods from historic and salvaged metal and wood.

“The Wallace Centers of Iowa reflect what is great about Iowa and our agricultural heritage: a proud history, locally grown food, innovative programs, and a dedication to communities and neighbors,” Houghtaling remarked. “As an Iowa native, I am honored and excited to join the organization’s talented staff and board.” She oversees a core staff of eight, plus part-time and seasonal staff, volunteers, and interns.