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The Center for Youth and Family Solutions Announces the Appointment of New Board Member and Board Leadership.

Peoria, Ill. September 7th, 2022- The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) announced today the appointment of Victoria Graves to their Board of Directors. Graves serves as Associate General Counsel at Deere & Company. She has been with the company for over thirty years, with roles including management of the trademark law team, providing legal advice to the company's compliance function, and serving as chief counsel of two Deere insurance subsidiaries. Graves is also the vice-chair of the City of Moline Plan Commission, volunteers for the Youth Service Bureau peer justice program, and served on the Boards of Alternatives for the Older Adult and the ARC of Rock Island County.

CYFS Executive Director Trish Fox stated, "we are excited to have Vicki join our Board of Directors. Her extensive legal experience, coupled with her community engagement within the Quad Cities, will help support the advancement of our mission throughout central Illinois."

Along with the appointment of Victoria Graves, two Board members, terms have ended. Michael O'Melia, Professor Emeritus of St. Ambrose University, who was a founding board member for CYFS in September of 2011 and served as both Vice President and President during his 5 terms on the board has completed his final term. Michael's unique perspective as a licensed clinical social worker and vast experience as a social work professor provided valuable insight into the work of the agency. "Michael has a gift for improving processes and is a strong advocate for the children and families we serve, and we are grateful for his leadership," stated CYFS Chief Operating Officer Tony Riordan.

In addition to O'Melia, Jane Ohaver, P.C., has also completed her final term. Jane joined the CYFS board in May of 2012 and served both as Board Vice President and Secretary during her tenure. "Jane has been a thoughtful, caring, and incredible expert resource for CYFS. She has a long history of community engagement and service in the Peoria community, and we have been truly blessed to have her on the board for our first ten years," stated Fox.

Earlier this month, the Board also announced its new slate of officers:

Julie Hohulin, President/Chairperson

Neil Styczynski, Vice-President

Dr. Beth Bussan, Secretary
Mark Miskell, CPA, Treasurer/Finance Committee Chairperson

Other Board members include:
Mary Byram, Darlene Prince, Brad Schupp, TJ Williams

CYFS is a not-for-profit social services agency that works with families who have been impacted by trauma, grief and loss, abuse and neglect, and other significant family life challenges. The organization provides foster care and adoption services; behavioral health counseling; crisis pregnancy counseling; intact family intervention; residential services for youth; senior services; and youth, family, and community outreach services. Its mission is to engage and serve children and families in need with dignity, compassion, and respect by building upon individual and community strengths to resolve life challenges. CYFS has 11 offices across Illinois, serving children and families in 37 counties, and over 20,000 individuals statewide.

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