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## MOLINE POLICE ANNOUNCE POLICE SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP PARTNERSHIP.

Ancel Glink, Corporate Counsel for the City of Moline, has announced they will sponsor a 2021 paid student internship program at the Moline Police Department in the Police Social Work program. In August 2020, the Moline Police Department entered into a collaborative partnership with the Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) to embed social workers in the police department. This pioneering agreement established a continuing working relationship and increased front-line access to social work services for individuals that come in contact with the police department. Since the implementation of the program this fall, Moline Police have made 533 social service referrals to CYFS. Mayor Stephanie Acri said, "I am grateful to Ancel Glink, CYFS, and Chief Gault for working together to address the changing needs of our community. This internship program is another excellent example of good things happening in the City of Moline through innovation and collaboration."

Ancel Glink's sponsorship enables CYFS to provide a paid internship to a local college student studying social work. The internship will expose the student to this innovative partnership between police and social workers and provide an in-depth and hands-on experience navigating the challenges that police and social workers encounter on a daily basis. It will also provide an immediate benefit to the residents. According to Corporate Counsel Derke Price: "When Mayor Acri and Chief Gault developed this idea as part of the larger conversation on social justice and policing issues, the potential benefits were immediately obvious. I am grateful to CYFS for working with me, Mayor Acri and Chief Gault to make that idea a reality. Now it is our collective duty to recruit and develop more professionals to serve in this highly valuable collaboration."

CYFS has selected Elizabeth Jolly, a student from St. Ambrose University for this paid internship program. The student will work 16 hours per week for 16 weeks from January 11, 2021 to April 30, 2021. The student will work closely with CYFS professionals and the Moline Police Department. "The Center for Youth and Family Solutions has had a long-standing relationship with St. Ambrose University at the graduate and undergraduate level, and their students are routinely of the highest caliber entering the field of social work. The partnership with Moline Police Department is an innovative project and represents the future of human service and law enforcement collaboration to better serve our communities. Elizabeth is welcome addition to our team." Tony Riordan, CYFS Chief Operating Officer

Ancel Glink was selected to serve as Moline's Corporate Counsel in May of 2019.

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