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The Center for Youth and Family Solutions CEO Announcement: Trish Fox to Retire, and Patrick Phelan Appointed as Successor

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Peoria, Ill. August 14th, 2023 – The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) announced today that Trish Fox, co-founder, and CEO of the organization will be retiring as of September 29th. Trish began her career in human services 40 years ago this month. “I am grateful to have worked alongside so many amazing and dedicated colleagues throughout the years. It has been an honor to be a part of an organization where building on the innate strengths of everyone is at the core of its mission. And now, I am lucky enough to retire knowing that CYFS is in the hands of incredible and committed staff and a talented new leader,” stated Fox.

Following an executive search this summer, CYFS Board of Directors has appointed Patrick Phelan to serve as the agency’s next CEO. Phelan is currently the CEO at Sinnissippi Centers, a community-based behavioral health center serving northern Illinois. “CYFS and the families we serve have been exceptionally fortunate to have enjoyed the dedicated and compassionate leadership of Trish Fox since our inception. And now we feel equally delighted to be able to transition the agency's care and keeping into the hands of Patrick Phelan--an experienced leader who shares our belief in the strength of the human spirit and our commitment to serving our families and communities with dignity, compassion, and respect,” stated CYFS Board President, Julie Hohulin.

Patrick will be joining the agency on September 5th. “Throughout my career, I have greatly admired the work that Trish and the entire team at CYFS has done to serve children and families across central Illinois. It is clear that the staff and board of directors believe wholeheartedly in the mission, and in developing an organizational culture of compassion and collaboration. It is my honor to be asked to join such an incredible organization, and I will do everything in my power to support the team in continuing their life-changing work,” stated Phelan.

CYFS is a comprehensive, nationally accredited, human service organization providing strengths-based, family-centered, inclusive, and trauma-responsive services to youth and families throughout Central Illinois and Eastern Iowa. The agency’s community outreach, youth services, foster care, adoption, and behavioral health programs and residential treatment for youth help children, families and individuals who have experienced significant life challenges to heal, cope, and thrive. The agency has 12 offices and serves 20,000 youth, adults, and families annually.

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