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RIGHT STEPS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS NAMES NEW CEO

Former YWCA Executive Director Debi DeBruyn succeeds retired Marilyn Redmon

LAFAYETTE – Debi DeBruyn, who previously served six years as Executive Director of YWCA Greater Lafayette, has been hired by Right Steps Child Development Centers to assume the position of President/CEO. DeBruyn officially began her new role on January 1, 2018, succeeding Marilyn Redmon who retired December 31, 2017 after 42 years of service and leadership.

DeBruyn's hiring was ratified in late October by Right Steps' Board of Directors following the recommendation of a board-comprised selection committee, with consultation from an Indianapolis Non Profit Leadership Search firm. Board Chair Vickie Pearl (Tippecanoe School Corporation) led the selection committee.

"The Right Steps Board of Directors and staff are thrilled to have Debi DeBruyn joining the Right Steps Team. Debi brings knowledge and experience that will assist in our organization's goal to provide and advocate for quality child care and early education," said Pearl.

DeBruyn is a lifelong resident of Lafayette, a graduate of Jefferson High School, and holds both a Bachelor's and Master of Science degree from Purdue University. Prior to becoming Executive Director for YWCA, she served for almost ten years as a Head Start Director. She also supervised sixteen county child welfare offices, a Family and Social Services Administration Regional Manager, and was on the team to increase standards and pay structure for case workers.

"My entire career in social services has focused on children, women and families. There are so many families still struggling with quality, affordable child care and early educational preparation to succeed in school. It's 2018 and 47% of the work force is made up of women, yet early child development and care continue to lag far behind. I am honored to step into Marilyn's shoes, and they are big ones. There remains much work to be done. In Tippecanoe County alone, 40% of children starting kindergarten are not prepared. Right Steps can play an even larger role in reducing that number, and we will. My three children all received an outstanding education in our community. We need to support our local schools by preparing every single child for a successful transition into our school systems," said DeBruyn.

About Right Steps Child Development Centers

Right Steps Child Development Centers is as a board governed not for profit United Way Agency. Several departments all work to provide and advocate for quality child care and early education. In addition to four child development centers, Right Steps also offers child care resource referral services as The Child Care Resource Network, Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsorship, and a home literacy program called Tippecanoe County Imagination Library. For more information visit: <http://rightstepscdc.org>

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