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### **Right Steps Child Development Centers Announces the Retirement of President & CEO Marilyn Redmon in December 2017**

Lafayette, IN – After guiding the Right Steps Child Development Centers for almost 43 years, Marilyn Redmon will be retiring at year end. Since 1969, Right Steps has been supporting young children and their families by providing high quality early care and education. Right Steps provides programs to more than 300 children each day at five local sites plus supports in-home childcare providers across twelve surrounding counties.

Over the course of her leadership, the organization has integrated state programs like the Child and Adult Care Food Program to ensure children receive proper healthy nutrition. Right Steps has helped expand child care options to families through The Child Care Resource Network by providing child care referrals. It also provides educational trainings, workshops and technical assistance to help home care providers reach higher levels on Indiana's Paths to QUALITY rating system. Right Steps has also adopted educational programs like the Tippecanoe County Imagination Library to help improve childhood literacy.

During her leadership the agency has provided after school enrichment to school-aged children and support to teenage mothers in conjunction with the Lafayette School Corporation to ensure they obtain their high school diploma at Jefferson High School. Marilyn also steered the agency through rebranding in 2013 from Tippecanoe County Child Care to Right Steps Child Development Centers in an effort to provide a durable brand that will take the agency into the next 45 years with a highly recognizable, strong community presence to better serve children and families in Central Indiana.

“Marilyn has continued to express her dedication and commitment to high quality care and early education through her work at Right Steps. She has been a trailblazer for this agency and a true advocate for countless children, parents, and home child care providers throughout her 42 years of service, she will truly be missed,” said Vickie Pearl, Right Steps Board Chairperson.

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Marilyn stated, “There are no words to express the gratitude I feel to be part of a wonderful organization like Right Steps. It has been a pleasure working side by side with people that care deeply about the well-being of children and families in this community. I have seen children grow up and become productive adults. I have watched staff members work hard, go to school, earn degrees and become agents of change in this agency and this community. I am thankful to play a part in the success of Right Steps for the past 42 years and I am excited to see all of the accomplishments this agency will continue to make in the future.”

A Search Committee has been formed and is officially launching the search this month. Interested parties can view full position description and apply by going to [www.CharitableAdvisors.com](http://www.CharitableAdvisors.com) and clicking on “Nonprofit Job Board”.

### ***About Right Steps Child Development Centers***

*Right Steps Child Development Centers is a board governed not-for-profit United Way Agency. Its mission is to provide and advocate for quality childcare and early education. Our state licensed centers maintain national accreditation status from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. All four locations are rated Level 4 in the Paths to QUALITY, Indiana's voluntary quality rating system. In addition to child care, Right Steps also offers child care resource referral services, Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsorship for family child care homes, and a home literacy program called Tippecanoe County Imagination Library. For more information visit [www.rightstepscdc.org](http://www.rightstepscdc.org).*

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