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Adoption Network Cleveland Announces New Staff and Board Members

Cleveland, OH (March 13, 2019) – Adoption Network Cleveland: The Ohio Family Connection, a nonprofit organization that provides advocacy, education and support for the adoption, kinship and foster care community for over 30 years announced the addition of several new members of its board of directors, a newly appointed communications manager, and the promotion of their program coordinator, youth services to program manager.

New board members include:

- **Kara Carter**, Senior Partner, Corporate and Community Relations, JumpStart Inc.
- **Mary Beth Hurley**, Manager – Shared Services, Applied Industrial Technologies
- **Eamon Larkin**, CFO, Budget Dumpster, LLC
- **Stephanie Lariccia**, Mental Health Therapist, Pathway Caring for Children
- **Mike Nowak**, Attorney, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP

“We are excited to welcome these new members to our dynamic board of directors. The skill, passion, and deep knowledge our board members each provide give us the support and leadership that allow us to flourish, broaden our scope and maximize our impact in the community,” said Betsie Norris, executive director.

Additionally, Adoption Network announced Katelyn Gainer as the organization’s communications manager.

Prior to joining Adoption Network, Katelyn worked with various non-profit organizations such as Engage! Cleveland, the Cleveland Museum of Art, Akron Art Museum and the Artists

Archives. Katelyn graduated with bachelor's degree in communication studies from Kent State University.

In her role, she'll be responsible for the organization's communications initiatives to raise public awareness through media relations, content creation and social media.

"Katelyn is an outstanding addition to our team, providing fresh leadership and a creative perspective to our organization's marketing and media strategies," said Tammy Willet, director of development and communications. "The communications manager's work impacts all aspects of our organization and we are thrilled to have Katelyn in the role."

In addition to Katelyn, Adoption Network announced the promotion of Donikea Austin from program coordinator, youth services to program manager.

"During her time with ANC, Donikea has successfully worked to build new programs while growing existing ones," said Jennifer Zisk-Vitron, MSW, LSW, director of programs. "I am excited to have her move into this role, utilizing her skills and passion for the work as she oversees the implementation of high quality and effective programs for adoptive, kinship and foster families and youth."

To learn more about Adoption Network Cleveland and their staff, please visit: AdoptionNetwork.org.

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About Adoption Network Cleveland

Adoption Network Cleveland is an innovative non-profit organization that fulfills otherwise unmet needs for information, advocacy, education and support for members of the adoption (adoptees, birthparents, and adoptive/kinship parents) and foster care community, and related professionals. Adoption Network Cleveland is a member of Greater Cleveland Community Shares.

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