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Big Changes, Same Mission

A familiar face will step into Children & Families of Iowa's top leadership role

Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) is excited to announce that Janice Lane will advance into the position of CEO on March 1, 2015. Her predecessor, Dr. Gloria Gray, will retire on February 27, 2015.

Lane brings years of experience in the human services field and currently holds licenses for Licensed Master Social Worker and Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor. She graduated from the University of Iowa with a Master of Arts in Rehabilitative Counseling and worked at Broadlawns Medical Center before joining CFI as the program supervisor for Cornerstone Recovery, a substance abuse and mental health program for teens, in 1998.

Since 2007, Lane has served as CFI's Chief Operations Officer and oversees all 18 programs. She also serves on a number of community and state committees: the National Association of Social Workers' Iowa Chapter Diversity Committee, Community Partnership for the Protection of Children, and the Department of Human Services. Upon the announcement of Gray's retirement, the Agency Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Trustees formed a selection committee to fill the position. Last summer it was announced that Lane was selected to succeed Gray.

"I am very excited to lead this amazing group of professionals who are dedicated to making the communities in which we live a better place," says Lane, who will oversee 300 employees statewide and a \$16.8 million operating budget.

"The future for Children & Families of Iowa looks bright as we continue our mission of restoring hope, building futures and changing lives," says Lane. "As the community needs have changed over time, we will continue to modify our programs to adapt to those changing needs. CFI will continue to serve

at-risk Iowans, children and adults, and help them create brighter futures by becoming self-sufficient."

Please join CFI in congratulating Janice Lane on her new role!

CFI's Chief Operations Officer Janice Lane will become CEO in March.



Congratulations to two of Children & Families of Iowa's top program staff members on their recent promotions to the leadership team!



Pat Rogness
Vice President of
Mental Health Services



Cheryl Johnson
Vice President of
Community Services



Why We Give: Stories of Hope from People Who Give Back

Foundation's Support Gives Hope to At-Risk Teens

Andersen Corporate Foundation has been a valuable supporter of Children



& Families of Iowa (CFI) for many years, providing more than \$48,000 to CFI programs in over ten years of giving. For the past three years, Andersen has supported CFI's program that provides services to at-risk teens living in out-of-home placements such as foster care, residential care, independent living or adoptive homes. Teens in this program struggle with behavioral, mental and/or emotional issues that often create barriers to a successful future.

With help from supporters like Andersen Corporate Foundation, CFI provides teens with foster care services, mentoring, counseling, mental health therapy and substance abuse treatment. "Andersen Corporation has core areas of the community that we strongly believe in supporting, one of which is children and family services," says Lynn Hermann, a member of the Andersen Corporate Foundation Committee. "CFI has a reputation in the community for supporting children and families. We chose their teen program because it works with at-risk youth, keying in on skill sets that will help them transition into responsible and accountable young adults."

Verizon Foundation Helps Domestic Violence Victims

Thanks to the Verizon Foundation, hundreds of domestic violence victims who arrive at Children & Families of



Iowa's (CFI) domestic violence safe shelter are able to become empowered and independent.

Over the past four years, Verizon has given \$45,500 to CFI's Women Employment Project, a project that helps domestic violence victims transition from financial dependency to self-sufficiency through career and financial training. Victims in abusive relationships are often economically dependent on their abusers, which is a primary reason why women choose to remain in abusive relationships.

Through the Women's Employment Project, victims are provided career and financial training that enables them to become financially independent. Victims learn financial literacy skills including budgeting, saving, and banking, and a variety of skills to prepare for and obtain employment. With this crucial support, victims can begin establishing new and independent lives free from the violence and control of their abusers.

Thank you to the following individuals and groups who recently shared their time and talents as volunteers of Children & Families of Iowa.

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Children & Families of Iowa's

Kidsfest!

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March 6 - 8, 2015

Friday, March 6, 2015: 6 - 9 p.m. | Saturday, March 7, 2015: 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 8, 2015: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Kidsfest is a family-oriented festival that features fun activities, games and entertainment for kids and their families. This exciting event is attended by more than 15,000 people every year.

Proceeds benefit the programs of Children & Families of Iowa; it truly is about kids helping kids!

Visit www.cfiowa.org or like CFI's Kidsfest page on Facebook for up-to-date information.

Thank you to our holiday helpers!

Children & Families of Iowa staff and volunteers were busy the last few months working to ensure that the holidays were a little brighter for families across the state. We would like to thank everyone involved in making this a meaningful holiday season for CFI clients!

Adopt-A-Family - A total of 330 families were adopted by 158 sponsors through CFI's Adopt-A-Family program.

Coaches Toy Drive - The 2014 Coaches Toy Drive collected more than 2,830 toys for families across the state. CFI truly appreciates the support of Applebee's and Carlos O'Kelly's in partnership with WHO TV-13 and the Iowa State University and University of Iowa coaches who helped make this fundraiser possible.

Breakfast With Santa - Jordan Creek Town Center and BRAVO! Cucina Italiana hosted a breakfast and private meeting with Santa on Saturday, December 6, raising \$1,830 for CFI programs.



Generous volunteers, including this group of Wells Fargo employees, helped keep our Adopt-A-Family holiday program up and running smoothly.

Save the date



Monday, June 22, 2015

Terrace Hills Golf Course
8700 NE 46th Avenue, Altoona

Come out and enjoy our annual Family Tees golf tournament! This intergenerational tournament is the perfect opportunity for some outdoor fun with family and friends.

Visit www.cfiowa.org for up-to-date event information and registration.

Help Create a Better Tomorrow for Future Generations

Thanks to our generous donors, Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) has been helping thousands of individuals every year for 127 years! To that, we say THANK YOU. It is because of community and donor support that we have withstood the test of time and remained a leader in the communities we serve for so many years.

While many in the past and in the present have found the support they needed, it is important to remember the welfare of our future generations. Please consider making a planned gift to help ensure CFI's services will continue to change the lives of so many to come.

To learn more, visit our website at www.cfiowa.org and click on "Make a Planned Gift" under the "Give to CFI" tab. You will find an array of resources to help you determine if a planned gift is right for you. If you have additional questions, please call Amy Stapp-Arpy, Chief Development Officer/Vice President of Development & Communications at (515) 697-7921.



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