

Hillcrest Family Services names Heiderscheit to replace Gansemer

Julie Johnson, head of the CEO search committee for Hillcrest Family Services, headquartered in Dubuque, Iowa, announced earlier this month that Julie Heiderscheit, who is the organization's chief operating officer, will become Hillcrest's president and CEO April 2.

Heiderscheit will replace Gary Gansemer, who will retire April 5 after serving the organization for 19 years.

"It is with great honor and excitement that we announce [Heiderscheit] has accepted the position," Johnson said.

Heiderscheit, who holds a Master of Business Administration degree, began her career at Hillcrest in 2006, serving first as director of human resources before assuming her current position.

Hillcrest assists more than 35,000 people annually through more than 30 different programs and services ranging from mental health, homelessness, youth mentoring, and adoption, to residential services, education of adolescents and teens, health and wellness, and a wide variety of community services.

Hillcrest is in covenant with the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Hillcrest is also in covenant with the United Methodist Church. In its announcement, Hillcrest noted, "The mission orientation and spiritual focus of these denominations runs consistently through our operations and is a significant component of our organization's success."

Founded in 1896, Hillcrest boasts a long tradition of caring grounded in a culture of results that has had an impact on the lives of millions of individuals and families in 23 different states.