

## **Welcome, Amy and Rochelle, Advocate Aurora's New Faith and Mental Health Program Specialists!**

*Amy McNicholas and Rochelle Johnson support and partner with faith-based communities in the Chicago region around issues of mental health.*



Rochelle Johnson, a licensed clinical social worker, holds a Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. Johnson's more than 20 years of community mental health experience includes conducting mental health workshops at congregations in the Chicago area, and serving such organizations as the Community Mental Health Council, Thresholds, St. Sabina Church and Ada S. McKinley Community Services. For five years, she has served as a school social worker in the Illinois public school system. In addition, she has provided crisis work at Lake Shore Hospital, Jackson Park Hospital and Rainbow House domestic violence shelter. Currently she is the owner of Intertwined, a psychotherapy practice that collaborates with churches and schools bringing mental health awareness to the community.



Amy McNicholas received her master's degree in counseling psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She is a licensed clinical professional counselor who, for the past five years, has specialized in working with children, adults, and families coping with trauma and death. Amy has provided clinical consultation, training, advocacy and education to medical teams, schools, and community agencies throughout the Chicagoland area. Amy has extensive experience working with advocacy groups around the issues of access and equity for pediatric cancer research, palliative care and bereavement. In addition, Amy founded a successful non-profit foundation focused on changing the landscape of pediatric brain tumor research through funding, advocacy and awareness.