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Our work at Family Services is a large part of my beliefs and who I am. After careful consideration and reflection, I have announced that I will leave the agency as Chief Executive Officer, effective January 31, 2025.

I can promise you that this decision did not come lightly. I share this news with a heavy heart as I look to return to be closer to aging family while exploring new career opportunities.

My time at Family Services has been both impactful and rewarding. I am pleased that our executive leadership team remains steadfast and committed to progress. My faith in our outstanding staff and programs is unwavering, and I am inspired daily by our team's innovation and dedication. And I'm deeply motivated by you —our donors and volunteers. Your stories are what I will carry with me every single day as part of the work we have done.

I remain personally committed to our agency's mission of ensuring that the individuals and families of Forsyth County are safe, secure, and able to reach their full potential. My greatest wish is for our work to continue to grow and thrive. The success of Family Services is possible because of you.

While we have accomplished much together for those we serve, there is still much left to do for our community to provide quality Early Head Start, Head Start, counseling services, and emergency interpersonal violence resources.

As we look to the future, I will work with our staff and Board of Directors to ensure a smooth transition. I am pleased to share that the board has appointed Sheila McClelland, vice president of finance and administration, as Acting Chief

Executive Officer starting February 1, 2025. An executive search will commence next year, aiming for completion by June 30. As our invested community members, we will inform you about the process as information becomes available.

It has been an honor to serve our community. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Family Services.

Gratefully,



Traci Ross

President and Chief Executive Officer

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