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**Photo attached: Karl Jegeris**

## **Children's Home Society names Karl Jegeris as Director of Collaborative Excellence**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (June 3, 2020) – Children's Home Society (CHS) has appointed Karl Jegeris as its Director of Collaborative Excellence. This is a new position for CHS that will provide leadership and guidance in the areas of strategy, program development, and enhanced client outcomes.

Jegeris comes to CHS from the Rapid City Police Department where he has served for 24 years, most recently as Chief of Police. In that role, he led initiatives that met the needs of the community, built and strengthened relationships with community partners, and worked to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Rapid City.

Providing support to operational leadership in the development and execution of strategy will be one of Jegeris' main priorities. He will also work closely with program leaders to increase organizational efficiency and continuously improve program outcomes.

"Children's Home Society has a long history of providing exceptional, compassionate care to the children, women, and families we serve," said Muriel Nelson, CHS Chief Operating Officer. "Karl brings with him skills and experience that will be tremendous assets to Children's Home as we move into the future. His knowledge of trauma and the impact that it has on the lives of children and adults will be incredibly valuable as he assists with the development of our agency's strategy and programming."

Jegeris has a Master's Degree in Public Safety Executive Leadership where his studies focused on advanced leadership skills, budgeting, planning and leading organizational change, human resource management, and research analysis. He has served on many boards and has received accolades through his career including being the 2015 recipient of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce "Wind Beneath our Wings" Outstanding Performance Award, recognizing unselfish and noble actions. He was also named "Outstanding Public Servant" by Western Dakota Technical Institute in 2018.

"The trauma-informed services CHS provides are critical to restore safety and hope to so many special children, women, and families throughout South Dakota," said Jegeris. "I am excited to be joining such a compassionate and tenacious team, and look forward to continuing serving others through this position."

Jegeris will office primarily at the CHS campus in the Black Hills, and he will be regularly serving at the Sioux Falls locations as well.

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### **About Children's Home Society**

Established in 1893, Children's Home Society of South Dakota (CHS) is the state's oldest human service nonprofit organization. Serving as South Dakota's primary orphanage and adoption agency for more than 70 years, thousands of children were rescued, cared for, and provided permanent families.

Over the years, (CHS) has continued to expand the continuum of programs to meet the evolving needs of children and families. These include [Emergency Shelter and Crisis Intervention](#), [Forensic Interviews and Advocacy](#), [Residential Treatment and Education](#), [Adoption and Foster Care](#), [Nurse-Family Visitation](#), and [Prevention Education and Training](#).

Through these programs, CHS serves families, individuals, and children of all ages. Many are victims of domestic violence, abuse and neglect, or traumatic life events. CHS also partners with caring parents to help children with emotional or behavioral needs. CHS comes alongside parents or guardians to strengthen their families and to help children get the care and services they need.

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