

## TRANSITIONS TO CONTINUE

### *TRANSFORMING LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY*

West Side Community House's Board of Managers began preparing for a leadership transition as a part of the agency's 2010 Strategic Plan. As a result, they were ready to undertake the planning process for the retirement of their longtime executive director, which began in 2016.

This careful transition of key leadership positions will allow West Side Community House to remain stable and strong, ready to address the challenges of the community it has served since 1890. It also will allow WSCH to meet the future with a new vision built on the foundation of our mission and values, the very heart of our house.

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## **West Side Community House**

### **Announces Incoming Executive Director**

West Side Community House (WSCH) Executive Director, Dawn Kolograf, will retire in June of 2018 from the position she has held for over 26 years.

On August 22, 2017, the WSCH Board of Managers unanimously selected WSCH Family Services Director, Rachele Milner, MSSA, LISW-S, to transition into the role of executive director on July 1, 2018.

To learn more about these two remarkable women, take a look inside.



Dawn became executive director of West Side Community House (WSCH) in 1991 after earning her MEd from Kent State University.

Under Dawn's leadership, WSCH has responded to the changing needs of the community by developing cutting-edge programs. Dawn also led a capital campaign to relocate WSCH in response to the westward migration of program participants caused by gentrification.



In 2006, WSCH opened the doors of its new, fully-accessible, warm and welcoming home at West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lorain Avenue, in the heart of our core service area.

Although Dawn will miss the interaction with community residents and her work to transform lives alongside her dedicated and talented staff, she is very pleased to be leaving West Side Community House (WSCH) in the hands of someone who loves it as much as she.



Dawn hired Family Services Director, Rachelle Milner, in 2003. Under Rachelle's leadership, WSCH Family Services grew to include evidence-based programs that help strengthen and stabilize at-risk families and prevent or minimize system involvement.

Rachelle has an MSSA from Case Western Reserve University and is a licensed independent social worker (LISW). In addition,



Rachelle spent two years as a CRSI Scholar at the Case Center for Reducing Health Disparities at MetroHealth.

As executive director, Rachelle plans to position WSCH "to be an innovative trendsetter" and to continue to "advocate for the needs of our clients by forging new relationships and re-establishing the settlement house presence in our community."

