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Illinois Center for Autism Announces Retirement of Executive Director

Fairview Heights, Illinois, November 15, 2017 – Following a long career in Special Education and utility leadership, the Illinois Center for Autism’s (ICA) Executive Director, Susan Szekely, has announced her retirement.

“Susan has been instrumental in educating and enhancing the lives of our students and clients; her comprehensive knowledge of ICA never ceases to amaze me. She will be missed, but her contributions will live forever,” shared Joy Rick, Board Chair.

Mrs. Szekely began her career with ICA in 1986 as a Special Education teacher. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Special Education and a Master’s Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision. She quickly advanced her career and experiences by working in numerous positions throughout the agency ranging from Program Coordinator to Assistant Director.

In 2003, founder, Mrs. Carol Madison, endorsed Mrs. Szekely to ICA Board Members as her replacement as Executive Director.

“I greatly appreciate all the opportunities my many years at ICA have afforded me. While I am looking forward to retirement, ICA will always have a special place in my heart. I am proud of the work we have done and can only hope we have positively influenced the lives of those we’ve had the privilege of serving,” smiled Szekely.

Assistant Director, Troy Metheney has been named as her replacement effective, January 3, 2018. Mr. Metheney joined the ranks at ICA in 2006 as the Human Resources Coordinator and became the Assistant Director in 2010. He has a Master’s Degree in Health Administration from Washington University School of Medicine and worked as an administrator for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the Veterans Medical Center and spent many years managing several group homes that included adults with developmental disabilities.

“I am very confident of Troy’s skills, knowledge and abilities to lead ICA into the future. While he continues to demonstrate care, concern and passion for our clients and students, Troy is very progressive in his thinking and I look forward to working with him,” said Rick.

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ICA is a not-for-profit, community-based, mental health treatment and educational agency dedicated to serving people with autism spectrum disorder. Our goal is to educate and serve children and adults to achieve their highest level of independence across their lives.