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NEWS RELEASE

Julie Trbovich Named Director of Exceptional Adventures

PITTSBURGH, PA, September 15, 2023 – Partners For Quality and the Exceptional Adventures board of directors are pleased to announce the hiring of Julie Trbovich as the Director of Exceptional Adventures, a member of the Partners For Quality family of agencies. Trbovich has more than 20 years of experience in the intellectual & developmental disabilities support field and is a native of the Pittsburgh area. She began her new role on August 28.

Beginning as a special education teacher at Bethel Park High School, Trbovich moved on to support patients at Southwood Psychiatric Hospital and served as program manager and advocate for children and families at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Keystone PA. Most recently, she was Director of Advocacy and Family Supports at Achieva.

During her career, Trbovich has served and held officer roles on many committees including of the Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery (Family Co-Chair), the Baldwin Whitehall School District Anti-Bullying Task Force, Consumer Action Response Team Advisory Board (Family Representative), Consumer Support Program (Education Committee Chair), and Conference of Allegheny Providers (Legislative and Children's Committee). She also organized and managed annual Capitol Hill Day trips for people with disabilities and helped them develop skills to speak with their legislators.

“Julie’s caring nature and positive personality are a perfect fit for Exceptional Adventures and its guests,” said Maggie Rothenberger, President and CEO of Partners For Quality. “Her entire careers is a testament to her passion for supporting people with disabilities.”

“I’m so excited to continue the tradition of fun and excellence at Exceptional Adventures,” Trbovich said. “Exceptional Adventures guests deserve events and trips that create lasting memories and it’s our privilege to make that happen.”

Trbovich is a certified trainer of Mental Health First Aid for both youth and adults and earned a Bachelor of Education with certification in Special Education from Duquesne University.

Trbovich succeeds Sarah Blonski, who departed to pursue another opportunity.

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About Partners For Quality

Headquartered in McKees Rocks, Partners For Quality provides administrative oversight for organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges. Serving Allegheny County since 1975, Partners For Quality, through its subsidiaries, serves about 5,000 people annually and employs more than 1,000 across its organizations. Partners For Quality subsidiaries have earned accreditation from The Council on Quality Leadership, The Council on Accreditation and the Sanctuary Institute (for trauma-informed care).

The Partners For Quality family of nonprofit agencies includes: **Allegheny Children’s Initiative**, serving children and families with behavioral health challenges; **Citizen Care**, which provides residential and community-based supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; **Exceptional Adventures**, an agency that provides travel and social opportunities to individuals with disabilities; **Milestone**, serving individuals with developmental and behavioral health challenges, including two Health Care Quality Units in Butler and Warren which train professionals in 18 counties; and **Partners For Quality Foundation**, which raises funds for all services throughout the family of agencies. For more information, visit PFQ.org and Facebook.com/PartnersForQuality.

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