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NEWS RELEASE

Christian Willitts Named Chief Financial Officer at Partners For Quality

PITTSBURGH, PA, September 6, 2023 – Partners For Quality announced the hiring of Christian Willitts as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), starting September 7, 2023. Willitts succeeds Daniel Christman, who departed the agency earlier this year to pursue other opportunities.

Willitts spent the past fifteen years as Vice President of Finance at YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh and prior to that as the Manager of Accounting & Auditing Services at former accounting firm McCrory & McDowell, LLC.

Willitts' roots run deep in the field of human service agencies. He began his career at the Pressley Ridge Wilderness School at Ohiopyle as a teacher and counselor. Willitts worked for more than 11 years in direct care serving children with behavioral and mental health challenges, an experience he will apply to his position as CFO for Partners For Quality and its family of agencies.

Willitts earned his B.S. in Education from Slippery Rock University and his Master of Business Administration/Accounting from California University of Pennsylvania. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has served on Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs committees. Christian and his wife Lori Rizzo live in Cranberry Township.

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 more than 4,000 people annually and employs about 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 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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