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ACHIEVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINT AMY G. HOWARD INTERIM CEO

Binghamton, NY – The ACHIEVE Board of Directors has appointed Amy G. Howard, MSW as Acting CEO of ACHIEVE Broome-Chenango-Tioga. Ms. Howard will lead the organization as it continues to advocate for an enhanced quality of life for persons with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities. Her position is effective immediately.

Ms. Howard holds a master’s degree in social work from Syracuse University and possesses more than 20 years of executive level administrative experience in the non-profit sector. Ms. Howard has held progressive management positions for more than 12 years at ACHIEVE, most recently that of Chief Operating Officer where she provided executive oversight of the agency’s program supports and services for over 2,200 individuals. Ms. Howard is serving her 2nd term on the Community Foundation for South Central New York’s Women’s Fund Leadership Committee, and lives in the Town of Binghamton with her family.

Ellen Feldman, President ACHIEVE Board of Directors said “We are extremely fortunate to have had Amy Howard serve in numerous leadership roles across Achieve over the last 12 years. We have the utmost confidence in her depth and scope of knowledge, her leadership abilities, energy and insights that will take ACHIEVE and those we serve, to the next level.”

“It is my distinct privilege and honor to represent ACHIEVE, its individuals served, their families and other key constituents in the capacity of Acting CEO. While we face yet another year of significant transformation as an agency, I have no doubt that our staff, boards, individuals served, and other community supporters will rally together to make this one of our most successful years on record! I am appreciative of the opportunity to lead and advance the goals of this great organization.” said Ms. Howard.

After thirteen years of service as CEO, Ms. Mary Jo Thorn has resigned to pursue other interests.

“Mary Jo has been an excellent CEO, leader and spokesperson for ACHIEVE. She is an outstanding professional of the highest integrity, who is compassionate about the rights, desires and aspirations of those we serve. We wish her the very best in the pursuit of her new endeavors.” said Ellen Feldman

ACHIEVE’S Mission: As a chapter of The ARC New York, Inc. it is the mission of ACHIEVE to advocate for an enhanced quality of life through skill advancement, inclusion, integration, and independence of persons with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities through services provided in Broome, Chenango and Tioga Counties.

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