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CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS TAPS EMILY CAMPBELL AS NEW PRESIDENT & CEO

Cleveland – September 8, 2023 – Emily Campbell has been named President and CEO of The Center for Community Solutions (CCS), the state’s premier research and public policy think tank focused on solutions to health, social and economic issues. CCS has offices in Cleveland and Columbus.

Campbell has worked for The Center for Community Solutions for 16 years, most notably as Chief Operating Officer since May 2022. Campbell was selected after a broad search by an executive search firm and the board of directors. More than 470 applicants were interested in the position to lead this venerable organization that is more than 100 years old.

“After reviewing many standout prospects, the CCS board of directors concluded the strongest candidate for this important post was right here in our backyard, and that leader is Emily,” said Board President Kyle Miller. “Emily has great knowledge and understanding of the organization, public policy, networks, strategy and a vested interest in the community’s well-being. She knows where the organization has been and where it needs to go to best serve the health and human service needs of Greater Cleveland and all of Ohio.”

CCS is considered a key go-to organization for regional and state organizations and government entities needing research, data and analysis to understand community needs, and inform public policy and measure the impacts of policy decisions on the quality of life for Ohioans.

“I am deeply honored by the confidence the board has shown in me and energized by the opportunities and challenges ahead,” Campbell said. “Having served in several roles with the organization, I consider it a profound privilege to contribute to our mission. I am excited to work creatively and strategically with our dedicated team and many partners on our shared vision to better the lives of others and create a brighter and more equitable future for Ohioans.

“With significant background in examining the causes and consequences of poverty, I’m keenly interested in pursuing innovative solutions to reducing disparities and strengthening the health and social service safety net,” she added.

Campbell will lead an organization of 25 employees and a budget of over \$4.5 million. Before becoming COO, Campbell’s work included directing demographic and socioeconomic research. She led the development of the Ending the HIV Epidemic 10-year strategic plans for Cuyahoga, Franklin and Hamilton counties in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health and others. She led needs assessments and strategic planning process for public and private entities including Akron Children’s Hospital. She has a bachelor’s degree in economics and international studies from Case Western Reserve University and a master’s degree in political science from CWRU as well.

The Center for Community Solutions' priorities include:

- Advancing the well-being of older adults
- Enhancing behavioral health access
- Improving maternal and infant health
- Strengthening the health and human services safety net
- Supporting sound Medicaid policy.

Tony Richardson, president of The George Gund Foundation, has worked with Campbell and the foundation is a supporter of CCS.

"I have worked closely with Emily for many years and have witnessed firsthand her quiet leadership and commitment to advancing CCS' work and mission," he said. "Under Emily's leadership, I have no doubt that CCS will continue providing the necessary research, data analysis, and policy advocacy to inform civic discourse and stakeholder decision-making, and—most importantly—drive CCS' efforts to make a positive impact on the lives of those too often marginalized by society. Emily is an excellent choice to ensure a promising future for this essential organization."

Campbell is also deeply involved in many community organizations including the Literacy Cooperative of Greater Cleveland, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

Campbell's position becomes effective December 1. She succeeds John Corlett, who served as the organization's leader from December, 2014 to 2023. Corlett retires effective November 30 when he will transition to a Senior Visiting Fellow role to assure a smooth transition.

Campbell lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband and two children.

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