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## **Bruce Grey Child and Family Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Julie Lipsett as Chief Executive Officer, effective March 7, 2022**

**February 9, 2022** – The Board of Directors of Bruce Grey Child and Family Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Julie Lipsett as our new Chief Executive Officer. Julie will replace Phyllis Lovell who retires on April 1, 2022 after 42 years in child welfare.

Julie joined the Children’s Aid Society of the County of Grey in 1997 as a Family Services’ worker and became an Intake Supervisor in 2003 until 2008 when she was promoted to Director of Service for Protection Services. In 2016, Julie changed portfolios and currently she leads the organizations’ Family Based Care team, Legal team and Quality Services team.

Julie holds a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Toronto.

She was also a foster and adoptive parent of teenagers and brings her caregiving experience to her understanding of the importance of fostering and adoption to a child welfare agency. She is currently involved in the implementation of Equity and Anti-Oppressive Practice at BGCFS. Julie believes in giving back to the community and has served both on the Board of Directors for Big Sisters and the Women’s Centre Grey and Bruce.

Julie has a tremendous passion for the work of the Society. The Board is confident in her ability to continue to build and grow the values-based organization to meet the current challenges and ensure the highest standards of care and service for the children and families in Bruce and Grey. She is committed to confronting racism and addressing systemic inequities in child welfare as well as ensuring BGCFS honors the nine (9) truth and reconciliation commitments that we have made to Indigenous children and families we serve.

Join us in congratulating Julie on her appointment and supporting her during the transition period.