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The King's Daughters' School Unveils Succession Plan

Columbia, TN (August 22, 2019) --- The Board of Directors at The King's Daughters' School approved a succession plan at their regular August 2019 Board meeting. Effective January 1, 2020, current Executive Director Dr. David Craig will move into the role of Clinical Director, and current Assistant Executive Director Shauna Pounders will assume the role of Executive Director.

The King's Daughters' School is a private, non-profit, residential school for students and adults with intellectual disabilities and autism. The school maintains two campuses near downtown Columbia: a Main Campus on West 9th Street, and a Center for Autism on Trotwood Avenue, as well as numerous residence halls, recreation facilities, and an early intervention program.

The succession plan allows David Craig to focus exclusively on his role as Clinical Director, a title which he held in conjunction with Executive Director for nearly 13 years. The transition will allow for additional organization restructuring, to accommodate both current and future growth. David Bell, Chair of the Board of Directors for The King's Daughters' School and Chief Operating Officer of Tennessee Farmers Life Insurance Company, heralded the plan as follows: “KDS has grown tremendously under the leadership of David Craig, and we are thankful for his dedication to the school and its mission. We are excited about this next phase of growth for the school, which will increase our capacity to better serve the children and families entrusted into our care. Shauna is the perfect choice to lead the school into the future. We are confident that this plan will provide a smooth transition for our students and their families, as well as our staff who dedicate their lives to serving children with special needs.”

David Craig has served as Executive Director since 2007, and prior to that was the school's Clinical Director, counselor, and psychologist. Under his leadership, KDS has expanded its facilities and grown to serve an increasingly diverse student body, including record numbers of students from outside of Tennessee and abroad.

Shauna Pounders joined KDS in 2002 as the Director of Development, transitioning to her current role as Assistant Executive Director in 2007.

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