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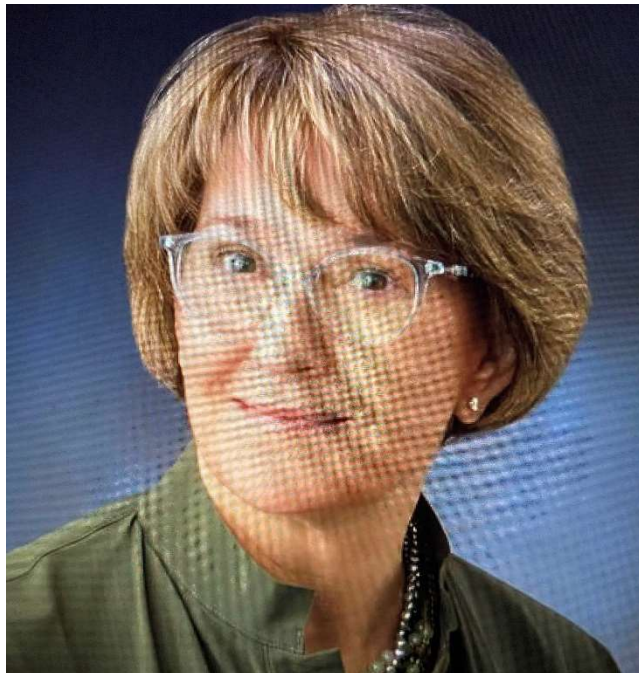
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New Executive Director of WisconSibs, Inc

Appleton, WI – September 12, 2022 The WisconSibs Board of Directors is excited to announce that Ann Sickon (sigh'-kon), of Middleton, has been chosen to be the second Executive Director of WisconSibs, Inc. In this role, Ann will advance WisconSibs' mission to foster a community of support for sisters and brothers of individuals with disabilities to reach more siblings throughout Wisconsin.



Ann comes to the organization with many years of experience in for-profit and nonprofit development and leadership. She is uniquely qualified as a visionary and highly accomplished business, nonprofit and entrepreneurial executive with extensive experience in P&L management, human resource management, operations, technology, service sector management, and business development.

Sickon was most recently the Executive Director, and then the Senior Executive Advisor of the Center for Independent Futures (CIF), Evanston, IL, an Illinois-based nonprofit organization dedicated to creating innovative product and service models that give individuals with disabilities and their families the skills and opportunities to realize

full lives. Ann has degrees from Loyola University Chicago, University of Michigan-Flint, and Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing.

Having a sister with disabilities herself, Ann brings immense passion and understanding to this position. She is a parent of two adult daughters living in Madison, and a son attending the Cutting Edge Program at Edgewood College. She will fulfill her duties as Executive Director both in Appleton and remotely from Middleton.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to work with the talented and passionate WisconSibs staff, Board, and volunteers. I feel grateful to follow Founder and Executive Director Harriet Redman, whose vision to provide support and services to siblings of individuals with disabilities has created an organization that is a beacon of hope and support for thousands of siblings in their unique and life-long roles," said Ann.

Earlier this year, Harriet Redman, who founded the organization 25 years ago announced her retirement as Executive Director. She will continue in an advisory role as Sickon gets acquainted with the operations, participants, and collaborators and serve as the Director of Special Projects part-time. She will continue to advocate with and for siblings, locally and nationally.

"I am so excited about Ann becoming our next Executive Director. This transition is a celebration of all that has been accomplished, and of all that will come next. The organization has never been stronger and is ready for Ann and the Board of Directors to take it to the next level," says Harriet.

Over the years, Harriet pioneered the development of more than dozen programs and services for siblings from age 3 through adulthood reaching well over 86,000 siblings, families, and professionals.

Programming, including Sibshops, Sib Camps, Journey Forward future planning programs will continue. Watch the WisconSibs website, Facebook page, and other announcements.

Join the celebration! Watch for opportunities to join us in celebrating our 25th anniversary.

***WisconSibs, Inc.** is a state-wide 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin that connects siblings of people with disabilities with each other, and with resources to help them throughout their lifelong journey. It provides Sibshops® and camps for girls and boys, and future planning and social events for families. Services include web content, consulting, coaching, future planning, and conference presentations. Nationally, WisconSibs is the Wisconsin chapter of the Sibling Leadership Network. More information at www.wisconsibs.org.*

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