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### **Boys & Girls Haven Announces CEO Change**

*Read Harris to retire from the nonprofit foster care agency, Amanda Masterson named first female CEO in 70-year-history.*

**Louisville, KY** – Beginning October 1, 2019, Amanda Masterson, MSW, LCSW, will assume the role as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Boys & Girls Haven. Masterson is the first female CEO for the full-service foster care agency.

The Boys & Girls Haven Board of Directors hired former CEO, Read Harris, to lead the organization through significant infrastructure changes over the last year. “As often happens with change agents,” says Harris, “I have decided to actually retire and enjoy the next phase of my life.”

Masterson transitions into the position after 12 years of dedicated service at Boys & Girls Haven. “I began with direct service delivery as a therapist,” she says. “While my title has changed over the years, my early experiences working directly with our young people keep me deeply rooted to our mission.”

After filling leadership roles as Program Director and Chief Operations Officer at the agency, Masterson is excited and positioned to take on this new challenge.

Says Masterson, “I have a long history at Boys & Girls Haven, and I can say confidently that the people working day in and day out with our kids are what make this agency great. I look forward to leading this team into the next 70 years as we build on Father Maloney’s legacy and work together to make life better for young people in foster care.”

Masterson lives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky with her husband and son.

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*Boys & Girls Haven is a full-service foster care agency serving children from across the state of Kentucky. Since 1950, the 501(c)3 nonprofit has transformed the lives of thousands of abandoned, abused and neglected children by providing stability, education, and life skills that will lead to success in adulthood. We employ a multifaceted, therapeutic approach including residential and in-home foster care, transitional living programs, career and life skills training, preventative community-based counseling services, and a variety of other programs and services.*

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