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CHRIS 180 Announces New Addition to Board of Directors

Nonprofit celebrates 40th Anniversary in 2021

ATLANTA, GA (January 12, 2021) -- CHRIS 180 is pleased to announce the addition of seven new members to its board of directors, who will serve over the coming years. They include Lori Chennault, Senior Vice President & Sourcing Officer, Georgia-Pacific, Kimberley Euston, National Business Development Leader-Technology, Media & Telecom Sector, PwC, Deirdra Glover, CEO, Conserte Consulting, Michael Lammons, Partner, KPMG, Marybeth Leamer, Cox Enterprises (Retired), Condace Pressley, Director of Community Affairs, WSB-TV and Sheila Ray, Chief Talent Officer, Cadence Bank.

"As we approach the one-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic, these business and community leaders will be integral to our work as CHRIS 180 continues to meet the growing needs of children, youth, adults and families in this unprecedented time. Their expertise will help our organization plan strategically to execute our trauma-informed services and continue innovation to address emerging needs," said Kathy Colbenson, LMFT, President & CEO of CHRIS 180.

The seven new members will work with other CHRIS 180 board members to increase awareness of the critical importance of trauma-informed behavioral health services and will assist in securing funding that aims to move people toward self-sufficiency. Equifax Chief Transformation Officer, **Julia Houston** serves as Chair, and C & S Wholesale Meats President, Jay Bernath serves as Vice-Chair. Additional board officers include Secretary **Cyril Turner**, Delta Air Lines (Retired) and Treasurer **April Estes**, who is a Partner at PwC.

With support of its front-line essential employees, partners, and supporters, CHRIS 180's pandemic pivot included distributing more than three million emergency meals and well-checks for 2,700+ households twice per week, as well as providing rent, utility and mortgage assistance to those impacted by the global health crisis. The nonprofit also conducted telehealth counseling for 3,000+ clients, including students through its School-Based Mental Health program at 70 schools and launching the Cure Violence program equipping community members to reduce violence and build community in NPU-V, a cluster of southwest Atlanta neighborhoods disproportionately affected by gun violence.

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About CHRIS 180

Since 1981, CHRIS 180 has transformed more than 90,000 lives. CHRIS 180 saves, serves and protects traumatized children, adults and families through trauma-informed, solution-focused programming that empowers them to change the direction of their lives. For more information, visit CHRIS180.org