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### Citizen Advocates Announces New Executive Director

West Bend, WI - Citizen Advocates Board of Directors are pleased to announce the promotion of Jessica Frederick as the organization's new Executive Director.

Jessica has been a part of Citizen Advocates for 11 years, serving as a Community Organizer, then as the Program Coordinator. She has played a large role in the expansion of Citizen Advocate programming into the schools as well as the addition of monthly respite events. With these program expansions, over 200 people of all ages and abilities are involved in monthly programming that creates opportunities to build relationships.

"I am happy to be a part of doing the unique work of creating opportunities for relationships between people of all abilities" says Jessica. "The growth of the program in the last year has been amazing and I am very excited to be able to continue to grow and lead Citizen Advocates going forward."

Jessica has a bachelor degree in social work from UW-Whitewater and has worked in non-profits in Washington County since moving into West Bend 14 years ago. She and her family are actively involved in many community activities.

Citizen Advocates is a 501(c)(3) that has been creating opportunities for unpaid relationships between people of all abilities in Washington County since 1978. Relationships are being created through peer to peer groups in 6 county schools with students meeting monthly, building friendships, some lasting through high school and beyond. The Citizen Advocates Respite program is a monthly respite opportunity for families that have children with disabilities. Each month students with disabilities are matched with peer volunteers for an evening of fun and learning from each other. Adult and young adult programming has kicked off with large group activities and will soon include smaller group activities.

Please join the Board in welcoming Jessica as the new Executive Director. The Board is excited to work with her in leading the organization to great things and is confident that she will be a wonderful fit to lead Citizen Advocates.

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