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A New President-Elect is in Town

Emporia, KS – July 7, 2008 The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) has elected Martha Leek, CPS of TFI Family Services, as Kansas Division President-Elect for the 2008-2009 term. Martha belongs to the local IAAP Chapter in Emporia and while members often joke that they are 'small, but mighty', Martha's election only goes to prove it as truth!

As the Kansas Division President-Elect, Martha's responsibilities will involve membership recruitment and retention as well as new chapter development. She will also work closely with the Division's President during the year as she prepares to become the President for the following year beginning July 1, 2009. As the President-Elect, she will attend IAAP's Incoming President's meeting in March where all the Divisions across the country will meet.

When asked how IAAP has influenced Martha's career path, she replied, "Being involved with IAAP has given me confidence in myself as an administrative professional and it has allowed me to promote other administrative professionals within TFI Family Services for the important support and work they contribute." Because Martha has been so involved with IAAP and continuing education is valued at TFI, Martha's work goals have included maintaining her certification and bringing what she has learned to share in her workplace. She has made presentations to TFI's administrative assistants, passing on knowledge and skills that she has learned, as well as keeping up with what is new in technology. She promotes the need for skilled administrative assistants with training and quarterly meetings to encourage growth in their job. TFI promotes team work and with IAAP, Martha has been given the confidence to be a leader and to work as a team leader, setting standards of excellence.

Martha has worked for TFI Family Services (The Farm, Inc.) for 17 years. She began as an Office Assistant, but as TFI grew and expanded its services and locations to better serve Kansas families and children, Martha's responsibilities and position within the agency grew as well. Martha was promoted to Assistant to the CEO in 2001 and continues to hold this position as well as work as a liaison to the Board of Directors.

Prior to becoming the Assistant to the CEO, Martha joined the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) and the Heartland Chapter in June, 1993. As a member of the Heartland Chapter, she has served actively in coordinating Division Annual meetings, workshops, and has chaired or been a member of numerous committees as well as held various offices at the Chapter and Division level. Martha has presented programs at Division events, to other IAAP chapters, her local chapter and for TFI. One of Martha's greatest accomplishments in IAAP is earning her Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) rating in 1997 which she maintains. She has set the Certified Administrative Professional (CAP) rating as her next major goal. IAAP has allowed Martha to network with other administrative professionals and given her educational opportunities that she has pursued with the support of her employer. Martha shared that, "When I first started at TFI, there was no way I would have seen myself being able to accomplish the things that I have, if it were not for what IAAP has given me through the years."

ABOUT IAAP – The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) is a not-for-profit professional association with approximately 40,000 members and affiliates and nearly 600 chapters worldwide. IAAP works in partnership with employers to promote professional excellence. The Heartland Chapter of the IAAP was established in Emporia, KS in June, 1993. To learn more about IAAP, visit their website at www.iaap-hq.org or Heartland Chapter's website at www.heartlandiaap.org

ABOUT TFI Family Services – TFI Family Services is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for youth and families through Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services. Their goal is always to build brighter tomorrows for families and children together. To learn more about TFI, please visit www.the-farm.org.

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