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Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation Announces New Major Gifts Director

AVON, CT – (June 13, 2017) The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation is proud to announce the appointment of Kati Liss-Hensel as its Major Gifts Director.

This new position was created to fulfill the Foundation's initiative of focusing on connections with donors. Kati will continue to build upon the current development program and work to strategically expand major gifts, while implementing a donor stewardship and cultivation program. She will be working collaboratively with the existing leadership of the Foundation toward organizational growth.

"We're very excited for Kati to apply her skillset to the important work of the Foundation. I believe her appointment is a victory for the Foundation, those we serve and the donors who will interact with her," said Executive Director Bonnie Royster.

Kati has 12 years of experience in nonprofit management, specifically around the cultivation of leadership and major gift donors. Her resume includes both director and manager positions at Middlesex United Way and United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, respectively.

She earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Hartford. Kati and her husband currently live in East Granby, Connecticut with their 17-year-old son and very active three-year-old daughter.

Ms. Liss-Hensel commenced her duties on Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

About Cornelia de Lange Syndrome

An estimated 20,000 people in the U.S. have CdLS but remain undiagnosed and/or without support services. Individuals with CdLS range from mildly to severely affected, though most have similar physical characteristics including small size, hands and feet; thin eyebrows that meet in the middle; long eyelashes; upturned nose; and thin, downturned lips. Some individuals have limb differences, including missing fingers or arms. Common medical problems include GERD, bowel obstruction, and congenital heart defects.

About the Foundation

Founded in 1981, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation is a family support organization that exists to ensure early and accurate diagnosis of CdLS, promote research into the causes and manifestations of the syndrome, and help people with a diagnosis of CdLS and their families make informed decisions throughout their lifetime.

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