

PRESS RELEASE

Clermont Counseling Center and Family Service of the Cincinnati Area Enter Into Merger Discussions

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December 3, 2008—Cincinnati, OH--Clermont Counseling Center (CCC) and Family Service of the Cincinnati Area (FS) have the unanimous support of their Boards to enter into merger discussions, according to Board chairs, Arlene Katz of Family Service and Kevin McMurray of Clermont Counseling. This decision came after a taskforce, made up of members from each Board, analyzed the compatibility and potential synergies of the two comparably sized organizations. The Boards believe that merging would position the agencies to provide a wider array of services in order to better serve those in need in our region. If the agencies decide to merge, the combined entity's services would include case management, mental health and substance abuse counseling, employment services and programs for parents, seniors, domestic violence victims, and at-risk children and families. Both CCC and FS are participating as team members in a social enterprise project sponsored by the Community Wealth Ventures.

By entering into merger discussions, both agencies agree with funders that, as stewards of non-profits' missions, the best way to approach these challenging times may be to find a strong partner with a similar vision for the future. Rob Reifsnnyder, President and CEO of the United Way of Greater Cincinnati agrees, "This effort demonstrates great leadership by the Boards and executive management of both organizations, and may ultimately lead to greater and more effective service for the citizens of our region."

About Family Service

Family Service, established in 1879, is a comprehensive social service agency with five offices throughout Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Core programs include Mental Health Counseling, Early Childhood and Parent Education, School Success and Attendance Program, International Family Resource Center, Employee Assistance Programs, and Friends of the Children. For more information about Family Service visit www.servingfamilies.org.

About Clermont Counseling Center

Clermont Counseling Center was founded in 1973 and provides comprehensive mental health and rehabilitation services to approximately 2700 clients per year and employs over 100 people. Services include therapy, case management, psychiatry, housing, vocational, and primary health care services. For more information visit www.clermontcounseling.org

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