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PRESS RELEASE

LUMENUS COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW CEO

Andrew Obee to spearhead the next phase of innovation and collaboration across the organization.

TORONTO, ON – November 14, 2023 - The Board of Directors of Lumenus Community Services (Lumenus), a leading not-for-profit in the delivery of high quality mental health, developmental, autism and early years intervention services to children, youth, families, and adults is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew Obee as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Obee is a transformational leader with a proven track record for innovation, bringing a wealth of experience, strategic thinking, and collaboration to the organization. This appointment signifies a pivotal moment in Lumenus' journey toward providing integrated, high-quality services that positively impact the lives of individuals and families across Ontario.

Nidhi Chopra, Chair of Lumenus Community Services said, "We are delighted to welcome Andrew to the helm of Lumenus. He has demonstrated a remarkable ability to lead, inspire fresh approaches, and build innovative collaborations. The strong foundation of this organization is poised for significant transformation. Under his visionary and strategic leadership, the agency will work to develop innovative and creative ways to address our sector challenges."

Mr. Obee brings a unique blend of public and private sector experience to Lumenus, along with a strong commitment to the nonprofit sector through his extensive volunteer work with youth. He has held senior roles in the public sector in both the Mississauga and Niagara regions, as well as operational leadership positions at Meridian Credit Union and HEPCOE Credit Unions. Most recently, he served as the CEO & President of The FICANEX Group of Companies. Over the past 35 years, he has been an active member of Scouts Canada, including serving on the Board of the Scouts Canada Foundation. Currently, he holds the position of Chair of the Board of Governors for the organization in his final year of service.

Andrew Obee, newly appointed CEO of Lumenus said, "I am thrilled to join the incredible team at Lumenus Community Services as CEO, and I'm honoured to be part of an organization that is at the forefront of providing high quality mental health, developmental and community

services for infants, children, youth, individuals, and families across Toronto. I'm excited to get started, collaborating with our talented team to support our clients and positively impacting lives and communities as soon as possible and look forward to getting to know all of the stakeholders both within the Lumenus community and across the broader system."

In recognizing the exceptional service provided during the transition period, the Board of Directors extends its gratitude to the Interim CEO, Cheryl Webb for her unwavering commitment to Lumenus. Cheryl ensured that Lumenus continued to fulfill its mission and commitments to stakeholders, sustaining the organization's momentum in achieving its strategic objectives. Cheryl's leadership resulted in meaningful contributions, keeping the organization unified in its vision to deliver exceptional services to clients. As planned, Cheryl will resume her role as Chief Operating Officer, and she is looking forward to working closely with the newly appointed CEO.

The search committee undertook a comprehensive search with support from Caldwell Partners for this strategic hire. Mr. Obee will begin the role effective December 11, 2023, with transition support from Interim CEO Cheryl Webb and the rest of the Lumenus senior management team.

About Lumenus Community Services

Lumenus Community Services (Lumenus) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to delivering high-quality mental health, developmental, autism, and early years intervention services to children, youth, families, and individuals throughout Toronto. With a diverse and extensive service portfolio, Lumenus provides a comprehensive circle of care, ensuring the well-being and development of those we serve. Learn more at <https://www.lumenus.ca>.

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