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## THE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WELCOMES BACK DIANNE HAULCY AS NEXT PRESIDENT AND CEO

**MINNEAPOLIS** – Following a robust search, <u>The Family Partnership</u> selected Dianne Haulcy to assume the agency's President and CEO role on July 11. She will succeed Molly Greenman, who is retiring June 30 after 35 years, including 18 as President and CEO.

A Minnesota native, Haulcy has 25 years of non-profit executive experience, most recently as Senior Vice President of Family Engagement at Think Small. At The Family Partnership, she will oversee a \$10 million organization with 100 staff dedicated to removing barriers for families impacted by low-income, systemic racism and adversity to clear the path to greater well-being.

## Returning to The Family Partnership

This is a homecoming for Haulcy, who played a crucial role in ensuring The Family Partnership's program expansion and funding stability. She served as Executive Director of Reuben Lindh Family Services from 2006 until its merger with The Family Partnership in 2011. Haulcy then agreed to assume the Chief Operating Officer position from 2011-2014 to help lead the post-merger consolidation.

"I am so excited to be returning to The Family Partnership as its next CEO, it feels like coming home," said Haulcy. "My passion is working to create opportunities for families and children in Minneapolis and beyond."

Tommy Hillman, Board Chair of The Family Partnership, previously served on Reuben Lindh's board of directors. "Dianne is a well-known advocate and leader with the experience and community connections to foster deep partnerships with critical stakeholders of our organization," said Hillman. "I have personally witnessed Dianne's passion and deep commitment to serving our community, so I have the utmost confidence that she is the right leader to move us forward."

## Advocate for Early Childhood Education and Community Leader

Over her career, Haulcy has directed five early childhood programs all serving inner city, lowincome, diverse populations. At Think Small, she directed \$44 million in early childhood learning scholarship dollars from the state of Minnesota, Hennepin County and the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) to low-income families to access high quality early learning.

As Chair of the Voices and Choices for Children Coalition, Haulcy was instrumental in passing a 2019 law that created <u>the Community Solutions for Healthy Child Development grant program</u> at the Minnesota Department of Health. These grants fund programs throughout Minnesota so communities of color can improve child development outcomes. The Voices and Choices for Children Coalition steering committee is comprised of professionals of color and American Indian's advocating on behalf of children and families of color in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) <u>Little Moments Count Early Risers</u> podcast Haulcy created and hosts discusses how to talk to young children about race and racism. In two seasons the 14 episode series has attracted 40,000 downloads. Following the killing of George Floyd, Haulcy wrote a <u>blog post</u> as a wakeup call for educators – this podcast provides tools for raising a new generation with racial equity.

As a Senior Policy Aide for former Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Haulcy established the nationally recognized Cradle to K Cabinet, focused on children prenatal to three years-old to ensure kindergarten-readiness.

At Reuben Lindh Family Services, Haulcy revamped the agency's strategy and structure and improved services, including increasing early childhood education from half to full-days. The North Minneapolis and Four Directions preschools, in-home parenting services and developmental therapies The Family Partnership operates today are legacy Reuben Lindh programs.

Haulcy has held many volunteer leadership positions. She currently serves as Board Chair of NAZ, on the Governor's Early Learning Council, and is a member of the Parent Aware Advisory Committee.

She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Spelman College and a master's degree in public affairs from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. She lives with her husband Braxton, and two teen boys in Golden Valley, Minn.

## Haulcy Chronology

**Think Small,** Saint Paul, MN 2015-present Senior Vice President of Family Engagement

**Minnesota Public Radio,** Minneapolis, MN 2021-present Early Risers Podcast Host, Little Moments Count

**Office of Mayor Betsy Hodges,** Minneapolis, MN 2014-2015 Senior Policy Aide

**The Family Partnership,** Minneapolis, MN 2011-2014 Chief Operating Officer (COO)

**Reuben Lindh Family Services**, Minneapolis, MN 2006-2010 Executive Director

**St. Stephen's Human Services,** Minneapolis, MN 2000-2005 Executive Director

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