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**MCUM Announces New Executive Director**

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Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM), a nonprofit provider of childcare and emergency services for Monroe County since 1939, welcomes Erin James Predmore, M.Ed. as its new Executive Director. Predmore will fill the vacancy created by Meri Reinhold’s retirement last month.

Predmore’s resume includes over 15 years of executive planning, administration, fundraising, and communications experience in the nonprofit sector. She earned a Master of Education in Community Counseling and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Georgia. After completing her education, she worked in community services in Alabama and Virginia, where she ran programs for mothers of children under five with serious mental health or substance abuse issues, intensive in-home counseling for families, and mental health crisis intervention teams.

Prior to arriving in Indiana in August, Predmore was Executive Director of the Family Service Center in Springfield, Illinois. As Director, she started a community counseling program, an after school program for homeless and low-income elementary students, and a program to help children from birth to age five prepare for school.

Predmore feels MCUM is a good fit for her, because its mission is similar to those of the organizations she has previously worked with. “It is an established organization that is working well,” she said. “I’m excited to work at a place with such strong staff and potential.”

Most of all, Predmore is looking forward to meeting all of MCUM’s supporters. She is eager to get more involved with the community and to see how MCUM fits in. “I really enjoy listening to people, identifying needs, and connecting those needs to people with a desire to fulfill them,” she said.

Although she admits it can be a challenge to get to know the community on such a large scale, Predmore will take an enthusiastic and practical approach in getting starting with this and other aspects of her position. “I plan to support the staff and the work they do,” she said. “I want to see how we can remove barriers, look for collaboration opportunities, and explore innovative ideas.”

Monroe County United Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing childcare services in a nationally accredited facility and emergency services to low-income residents of Monroe County for over 75 years.

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