



Brightpoint Announces Leadership Appointments to Children's Home & Aid Society Foundation Board

Chicago, IL — Sept. 25, 2024 — Brightpoint is pleased to announce the officers of its Children's Home & Aid Society Foundation Board. These appointments will further Brightpoint's mission of advancing the well-being of children by investing in families. Children's Home & Aid, doing business as Brightpoint, rebranded in 2023. The organization's foundation retains the Children's Home & Aid name.

Suzanne Bernard is serving as the Chair of the Children's Home & Aid Society Foundation Board. Bernard has served as the chair of the Foundation Board since 2022, in addition to being a longstanding Brightpoint trustee. Suzanne is a senior vice president at Northern Trust, leading their Outsourced Chief Investment Office practice for not-for-profit clients. She has had a distinguished 30-plus-year investment career serving charitable entities and other types of institutional investors, providing thought leadership on investment topics, and collaborating to solve complex problems. She is also the proud mom of three adopted children. When asked why she joined Brightpoint, she said, "Helping children and families thrive is the anchor to build a better future for all. Brightpoint is not only a leader but an innovator in this work. I am continually wowed by their adaptability and creativity in addressing these complex issues."

Joining Bernard is Mike Sennett. Sennett, also a longstanding trustee of Brightpoint and the Children's Home & Aid Society Foundation Board, has been selected as Secretary of the Foundation Board. Sennett currently serves as Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel for the Water Quality Association (WQA) and General Counsel for the Water Quality Research Foundation (WQRF). He previously spent many years as a partner specializing in antitrust and competition law at Jones Day. Sennett also serves on the boards of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies and the Midwest Antitrust Colloquium. Sennett remarks "Brightpoint is deeply committed to service where the need is greatest. The children and families come first in every decision the organization makes and as a trustee I witness Brightpoint's dedication day in and day out. The Brightpoint team is caring, deeply committed, and intensely driven by passion and sophisticated data analysis to impact families positively for the future. I can think of no organization that does it better than Brightpoint for families in transition, seeking direction, resource strapped, or needing support."



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“We are thrilled to benefit from the expertise of Suzanne Bernard and Mike Sennett in these key leadership roles on the Foundation Board. Both bring a wealth of expertise and a deep commitment to our mission of advancing child and family well-being. Suzanne’s extensive investment experience and Mike’s legal acumen will be invaluable as we steward the endowment that supports our programs. Their leadership will help us continue to innovate and make a lasting impact in the communities we serve,” said Mike Shaver, Brightpoint President and CEO.

For more information about Brightpoint and its programs, please visit brightpoint.org

About Brightpoint

Brightpoint is a leading child and family service organization in Illinois advancing the well-being of children by investing in families to disrupt the systemic and multi-generational cycle of racial, social and economic inequality.