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## Family & Youth Establishes Endowment in Honor of Velika Hurst-Trahan with the Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana



Pictured L to R: Julio R. Galan, President & CEO of Family & Youth; Velika Hurst-Trahan, Strategic Account Manager at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

(Lake Charles)— Family and Youth Counseling Agency (Family & Youth) has established an endowment with the Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana, in Honor of Velika Hurst-Trahan, in recognition of her dedication and support to Family & Youth.

As a longtime supporter of Family & Youth, Velika has supported services for abused and neglected children, supported grief services for children suffering the loss of a loved one, promoted mental health services for children, families, and employees throughout Southwest Louisiana.

For six years, Velika served on the Advisory Council for the Employee Assistance Program, a Division of Family & Youth, which works with area businesses to provide employees, and their families, with vital mental health services at a reduced cost. Velika has also served on the Advisory Board of the Shannon Cox Counseling Center, a Division of Family & Youth, where she advocates for mental health services for children, youth, and families throughout Southwest Louisiana as well as grief services for children who have lost a loved one.

Family & Youth is a family service organization established in 1970 to serve children, youth and families in SWLA. Currently, Family & Youth operates Shannon Cox Counseling Center, The Leadership Center for

Youth, Autism Support Alliance, The Children's Advocacy Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Performance EAP, Children and Families Action Network (CFAN) and Human Services Response Institute (HSRI).

The Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana serves as the endowment and philanthropic arm of Family & Youth, connecting donors to the priorities that enhance the quality of family and community life for generations to come. Investing in families secures the future of our community. For more information call 337-436-9533 or visit www.fyca.org.

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