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Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc.
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Steve Stouffer, Boys and Girls Home and Family Services' Board of Directors Chairperson, announced today that Art Silva has been named President and CEO of the agency. Silva's responsibilities will include working with the agency's 359 employees, 48 board members and trustees, and the community to ensure the effective, efficient delivery of care to thousands of Boys and Girls Home clients.

Silva, a native of Martha's Vineyard, graduated from Bridgewater State College with a major in History and Psychology and a minor in Education. He began his professional career as an educator, teaching at the high school level. He then transitioned to various management positions with Ford Motor Company where he was responsible for sales, marketing and product distribution for 218 New England Ford dealers. In 1981 he began working for Digital Equipment Corporation as the US Area Project Manager and US Area Field Service Marketing Manager.

In 1986, as Silva puts it, "My family and I moved to Sioux City to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity, as the owner of the local Ford dealership, Team Ford". Between 1986 and 2000, Silva and his partner grew the business. In 2001, Silva left the partnership to purchase the Lincoln-Mercury-Toyota dealership, where he earned 3 Presidential Awards. Silva takes pride in his part in building a new Toyota store, moving the business to its current location in Singing Hills, contributing to the growth of that area. Silva sold the business in 2007 and retired, but found that he missed the challenges of work. He became Campaign Director for the PRIDE Campaign at Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools, combining his passion for education and a commitment to improving the community.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Silva has enjoyed a great deal of satisfaction serving as a volunteer, not only at the local level but also at state and national levels. His volunteer resume includes leadership positions at Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc., United Way of Siouxland, Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, Dakota Dunes Country Club, Mercy Medical Center and Briar Cliff University. His current and past board affiliations include the Sanford Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Convention Center Auditorium Tourism Bureau, Boy Scouts of America, Jackson Recovery Foundation, CASDV and the Siouxland Economic Development Corporation.

Silva was appointed by Governor Branstad as a Commissioner, State of Iowa Judicial Qualifications Commission and by Governor Vilsack as Commissioner, Iowa Judicial Nominating Commission. He served nationally on the Ford Dealer Council and Toyota Quality Service Council.

Steve Stouffer, Boys and Girls Home Board Chair, stated, "I am proud to speak on behalf of all members of the Boys and Girls Home board of directors. We have witnessed Art's 17 years of volunteer commitment to the children, adolescents and adults who have received help through the agency. He truly believes in this agency and the importance of this work and I can only imagine the positive impact he will have as our new President and CEO. With Art at the helm, and the continuing support of our communities, anything is possible."

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc. has been helping children and families address their problems for over 117 years. The mission of the organization is to improve the lives of children and families. Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc. is accredited with the Gold Seal of Approval by the Joint Commission.