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## **ANN LEINFELDER GROVE RETIRING FROM WELLPOINT CARE NETWORK**

*Longtime leader leaves legacy of innovation, impact, and strong foundation for the future*

**Milwaukee, Wis., October 2, 2024** – The following statements were issued today in response to Wellpoint Care Network’s announcement of Ann Leinfelder Grove’s retirement:

### **Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Wisconsin’s 4th Congressional District**

*“As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I am deeply appreciative of Wellpoint Care Network’s services to assist aging foster youth and families involved in the child welfare system. I thank Ann for her amazing stewardship; the legacy she leaves behind that will be felt for decades. Thanks to Ann, trauma informed care and mental health care are more accessible than ever in Milwaukee, and organizations across the nation can now turn to us as a leader and role model in facilitating this essential care.”*

### **David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive**

*“For decades, Ann has been a fierce proponent of child and family wellbeing. She has laid the foundation for our community to continue to thrive as more people experience the life-changing benefits of trauma-informed mental health care and community support. Our County is healthier and more vibrant today because of her leadership. I’m wishing Ann a wonderful retirement and I’m grateful for her steadfast work to make Milwaukee County a more equitable community for all.”*

### **Mayor Cavalier Johnson, City of Milwaukee**

*“Ann’s leadership at Wellpoint Care Network has added to the wellbeing of Milwaukee residents. The course she set has kept the organization on track throughout her tenure and kept it situated for continued success. I appreciate the work she has done and her willingness to ensure a smooth transition. She has earned this city’s gratitude.”*

### **Alderman Lamont Westmoreland, City of Milwaukee’s 5th District**

*“I want to thank Ann for her outstanding leadership and dedicated stewardship at Wellpoint, and her decades of hard work in improving care for families across the city will no doubt leave a lasting positive impression on the community. She has led Wellpoint through continual growth and innovation, making it stronger than ever, and the physical improvements on the campus have transformed it into an inviting community gathering place for the neighborhood.”*

*and the 5th Aldermanic District as a whole. I admire the way she has led with vision, collaboration, and humility, and I wish her health and happiness in her retirement.”*



**Joel Brennan, President, Greater Milwaukee Committee**

*“Thanks to Ann’s leadership of Wellpoint Care over the past 30 years, Milwaukee is leading by example in addressing mental health care and the impact of trauma. The advances in treatment she has overseen have deservedly received national recognition and prove that Ann has set up Wellpoint Care for decades of future success.”*

**Greg Wesley, President and CEO, Greater Milwaukee Foundation**

*“Ann shepherded countless efforts to provide families in Milwaukee with increased access to the evidence-based, trauma-informed care for which her organization is so well known. I am grateful for the services she has offered children and families throughout Milwaukee - she has truly changed their lives for the better.”*

**Kathy Markeland, Executive Director, Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies**

*“I congratulate Ann on all she has accomplished through her tremendous career at Wellpoint Care Network. She has been a valued leader, transforming practice as a champion for Trauma Informed Care. She has been a valued colleague, collaborating to advance lasting change in our sector. She has been a passionate advocate, pursuing brighter futures for Wisconsin’s children and families.”*