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Jeff Patton Awarded Community Partner of the Year

Kalamazoo, MI – April 11, 2023 – Jeff Patton, CEO of Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, was recently awarded the Community Partner of the Year award from Family & Children Services.

Sherry Thomas-Cloud, CEO of Family & Children Services, said, “Jeff Patton has a long history of being a stellar leader in the mental health field. Jeff’s knowledge and advocacy has been crucial to the Kalamazoo community and to our constituents. I can speak for the mental health providers in this community that depend on Jeff’s tactical wisdom to inform and guide us in navigating a complicated and often evolving system. Jeff has been a true partner and champion of Family & Children Services over the years, and I can think of no one else so deserving of our Community Partner of the Year award.”

Upon receiving the award Jeff Patton, CEO of Integrated Services Kalamazoo, replied, “On behalf of children, youth and families served by our public mental health system and in recognition of Family & Children Services as a premier legacy organization in the greater Kalamazoo region that has devoted many years in providing these exceptional services, I am honored to accept this Community Partner award. Integrated Services of Kalamazoo continues to value our longstanding partnership with Family & Children Services.”

Family & Children Services and Integrated Services of Kalamazoo have a long and illustrious history working together to serve the most underserved members of our community.

Diane Marquess, Clinical Services Director of Family & Children Services, describes the relationship, “Family & Children Services has worked most closely with the Youth & Families Services division of ISK. Over the years, we have partnered with them to be one of the first contractual providers in our community to provide home-based treatment, facility-based respite, emergency services for youth designed to meet youth and families in their homes and in the community, and crisis residential services for youth. Thank you, Jeff Patton and ISK, for your service and contribution to our community. It is not just what you do but how you do it!”

About Integrated Services of Kalamazoo (ISK):

Integrated Services of Kalamazoo is a welcoming and diverse community partner that provides vital resources to support individuals and families through all phases of life. For more than 30 years, ISK has served youth, families and adults with mental health challenges, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorders in Kalamazoo County. ISK serves nearly 8,000 individuals

annually, either directly in our own programs or through a network of provider agencies that contract with us. As a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center, ISK coordinates care across healthcare settings and providers, consistently using evidence-based practices and increasing access to high-quality care. ISK is one of 46 Community Mental Health Services Programs in Michigan. More information is available at www.iskzoo.org or by calling 269-373-6000. ISK is on Facebook at facebook.com/KazooCMH.

About Family & Children Services:

Since 1903, Family & Children Services has been the voice of concern and compassion for our most vulnerable citizens. Family & Children Services responds to the changing needs of our clients by strengthening community partnerships, tackling emerging needs and inviting community members to join us through donation and volunteer service.

The Agency offers a continuum of care in behavioral health, child welfare, prevention, and crisis intervention services through our dedicated staff, board, and volunteers, all with a unity of purpose. All our services are centered in our belief that our clients have the tools to make positive change in their lives with our support and walking along side of them as partners as they create healthy changes in their lives. Family & Children Services is dedicated to a continuous focus on best practices in human-service delivery in the community. More information is available at www.fcsource.org.