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**WLCFS CEO TAKES ON NEW KEY MINISTERIAL ROLE**

September 11, 2009 (MILWAUKEE)—The Board of Directors of Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service (WLCFS) has named Daniel M. Degner as the new Chief Executive Officer by unanimous vote. Degner, who previously served as the agency’s Chief Operating Officer, succeeds Pastor James Mattek. Mattek was named Director of Ministry by the Board of Directors.

“WLCFS is blessed to have two very gifted individuals in leadership roles. I’m confident that this change will maximize those gifts, and greatly enhance our ministry,” said David Nommensen, Chairman of the WLCFS Board of Directors.

“Dan is the right leader to help grow and expand the healing and helping ministry of WLCFS,” said Mattek. “His extensive management background combined with his passion for this ministry and his servant leadership will allow WLCFS to continue moving forward.”

Mattek added, “I am excited about the new opportunities in my role as Director of Ministry. I will continue to provide spiritual guidance for the agency while also strengthening the agency’s ties with other WELS entities and visiting with those who have a love for our ministry.”

“I am honored and humbled by the Board of Directors’ confidence in me,” said Degner. “While the opportunities that lie ahead are both challenging and exciting, our talented staff has proven their dedication and expertise in successfully navigating the recent economic turmoil. I am confident that by keeping Christ first, WLCFS will continue to thrive while helping those entrusted to our care.”

“It is wonderful to witness the enthusiasm that Dan and Jim have for their new roles. They will continue to have the encouragement and support of the entire Board of Directors,” added Nommensen.

*WLCFS (Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service, Inc.) has been healing and helping people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ since 1965. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, WLCFS is a not-for-profit organization that owns and operates a continuum of senior care facilities and six Christian Family Counseling offices throughout Wisconsin.*

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