

Acting Executive Director's View

Dear PWSA (USA) Members and Friends:

It is now my privilege to serve as the Acting Executive Director of PWSA. This was an unexpected job change for me but I felt when called upon - because I love this organization and our mission so much - I had to step up to help us work together through this time of transition. I have experience in leadership of non-profits so, although it is not a job I sought, I am grateful my background allowed me to step in quickly.

As a PWSA crisis counselor for close to two years I know how essential it is for PWSA to be a healthy and stable organization because of the vital services we offer. I want to assure you that PWSA remains committed to providing the highest quality of service and resources to people and families living with PWS. And we are blessed with a very strong staff and volunteer team so I know I have lots of people I can count on to help in the days ahead.

As I am sure you understand, I cannot give information regarding any confidential personnel matters. However, if you have any other questions or concerns to share during this time of transition please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support of PWSA which makes a difference in the lives of people and families living with PWS every day.



Sincerely,

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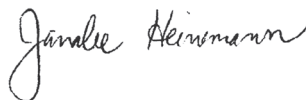
Evan Farrar
Acting Executive Director

The Board of Directors has appointed Evan Farrar, previously Crisis Intervention Counselor for PWSA (USA), to the position of Acting Executive Director of the organization. Please welcome and support Evan in his new role.

Dear PWSA (USA) members and friends,

I would like to add to Evan's letter that I enthusiastically support the decision to place Evan in the role as Acting Executive Director. I did not want to be considered for taking the position again, and over that last two years, I have had the pleasure of observing Evan's tremendous people and organizational skills. Having worked in the trenches so to speak, he also has a deep understanding of our families' strengths and needs.

We have a strong, compassionate and mature staff and an active board that consists of parents, family members and professional who have a deep commitment to the cause of PWS. Funding is a challenge for all charitable organizations at this time due to the downturn of the economy, but we do have the funding to continue our programs and people willing to work hard to see that the quality of our services are never compromised. As many of you know, I have been involved with PWSA (USA) for 28 years, and I cannot think of a more worthwhile cause into which to put my heart and efforts. Please join me in supporting PWSA (USA).

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