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Kids In The Middle Announces 2020 Champion of Kids Award Recipient

Non-profit honors husband and wife for their commitment to children in the community

ST. LOUIS (March 11, 2019) Kids In The Middle (KITM), local non-profit serving children and families, has announced the recipients of the Champion of Kids Award for their dedication to children in the community and the Agency. This year, the Champion of Kids Award will be presented to husband and wife, Phil and Jenn Christofferson.

Phil and Jenn have been supporters of KITM for 13 years, both volunteering and serving on the Board of Directors. Together, the duo has helped to raise over \$177,000 to help provide counseling services for children whose families are experiencing trauma from parental separation, divorce, and remarriage. With a personal connection to the mission, they understand the impact that separation and divorce have on children and their families.

“Phil and I believe in KITM’s mission and recognize the importance of providing counseling services for children in the middle of their parents’ divorce,” says Jenn Christofferson. “The specially trained therapists help children express and understand their complex emotions as well as teach them positive coping skills that promote healing and growth.”

Phil Christofferson, Partner at Cockriel & Christofferson, LLC, served on the KITM Board of Directors for six years and has held several positions during his tenure. He served as the Treasurer and chaired the Finance and Strategic Planning Committees. Phil attended Truman State University and the University of Chicago Law School, graduating with High Honors. He was named St. Louis Lawyer of the Year in 2013 (Construction Law) and 2015 (Litigation – Construction) by *Best Lawyers in America*.

Jenn Christofferson, Director of Operations, MMB Music, served on the KITM Board of Directors for five years and served as the chair of the Fund Development Committee. In addition to co-chairing two KITM galas with her husband, Jenn served as a chair for the Giving 4 Kids fundraiser. Jenn received a Master’s in Counseling from Truman State University and subsequently worked as a therapist for children and adolescents as well as a clinical supervisor. She received the Pillar of Parkway Award in 2013 for her volunteer work in the Parkway School District.

“The Christoffersons have served in various roles over the past 13 years that have been instrumental to the current success of our Agency,” says KITM CEO, Katy Walter. “Together, they used their wisdom, time, and resources to ensure that children and families could receive the mental health treatment that they desperately need, regardless of their ability to pay for the service. They are truly selfless, and KITM, along with the entire St. Louis community, is lucky to have their support.”

The Champion of Kids Award will be presented at A Celebration of Childhood fundraising event on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Ameristar Casino Resort & Spa – St. Charles. To show your support for Phil and Jenn, you can attend the event, purchase a sponsorship, or send a donation to KITM in lieu of attending. Tickets and sponsorships are available by calling (314) 909-9922 or visit

About Kids In The Middle

Kids In The Middle (KITM) helps children and families transition to a new way of life before, during and after separation and divorce, for the sake of creating healthier futures for all involved. Founded in 1977, KITM is a nationally accredited non-profit agency that provides comprehensive and confidential counseling, education and support services focused on the entire family. KITM is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis and receives funds from the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund. KITM is located at 2650 S. Hanley Rd. in St. Louis, Mo. For more information, visit www.kidsinthemiddle.org.

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