

## Julie Brewer Named UCS Executive Director

Julie K. Brewer has been hired as executive director of United Community Services of Johnson County.

Brewer will begin her new role in mid-May. She succeeds long-time executive director Karen Wulfkuhle, who will retire on May 31.



"Julie Brewer will complement the UCS staff's work with honed core competencies in communication, fundraising and advocacy skills," said Jill Quigley, UCS board member who chaired the transition committee. "She takes over an incredibly stable and respected organization. We feel confident that she will use her skills to widen the impact that UCS makes even further."

Quigley said the succession planning committee was impressed by Brewer's appreciation of UCS. Brewer and her husband, Steve, moved to the Johnson County area in July of 2011. She immediately embraced our community through volunteer efforts including advocacy roles for the Blue Valley School District, CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties and the Kansas City Chapter of CHADD.

Before relocating, Brewer served as the first Chief Operating Officer of Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties in the Omaha, Nebraska area, which was founded to take action to reverse decades of poor student achievement in an 11-member school district region. She also served as both Vice President of Resource Development and Vice President of Communications for the United Way of the Quad Cities Area in Davenport, Iowa.

"Real and effective solutions begin with a plan well-grounded in thoughtful collaboration and research, which is the hallmark of UCS," Brewer said. "I am

thrilled to be joining this team of professionals and volunteers and continuing its legacy of community action leadership."

### **Reception to Honor UCS Executive Directors on May 6**

The UCS Board of Directors will host a reception to welcome Julie Brewer and say thanks to Karen Wulfkuhle on Friday, May 6, from 4-6 p.m. in the Atrium at the Regnier Center at Johnson County Community College. A program will be presented at 4:30 p.m. All are invited and reservations are not required. Please make plans to join us.

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