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Dawn M. Kemp Appointed Director of Crystal Run Village Foundation

Middletown- Dawn M. Kemp of Westtown has been appointed as director of The Crystal Run Village Foundation, a not for profit organization that is a funding resource for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, spectrum disorders and mental illness living in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Kemp's primary role will be in cultivating relationships, grant writing and the solicitation of funds from corporations, foundations and individuals interested in supporting the Crystal Run Village commitment to the potential and dignity of people with diverse abilities.

Most recently, Kemp was with the American Cancer Society in Orange County where she was executive director for 17 years. There she was responsible for the implementation of special event fundraisers and all contributions including memorial income, major gifts and legacy income. Kemp also provided leadership for a dynamic board of directors and managed a large volunteer force, ensuring that the organization was a vital information resource for individuals, families and healthcare providers.

"Dawn is well-known and respected in the community and has a demonstrated ability as a fundraiser, administrator and advocate," said Jim Lawler, executive director of Crystal Run Village. "We are pleased to have Dawn with us. She will be a tremendous asset in the management of the foundation and our ability to generate revenue for our strategic initiatives in support of individual choice and alternatives to traditional service models."

Kemp's past community leadership and volunteer activities have included: founding member, Healthy Living Partnerships sponsored by the New York State Department of Health; cancer committee, St. Luke's / Cornwall Hospital and Orange Regional Medical Center; cancer committee, Tri-State Franciscan Healthcare (Bon Secours); fund development committee, Sarah Wells Girl Scout Council; board member, Rotary Club; ambassador, Orange County Chamber of Commerce; participant, Orange County Colorectal Cancer Coalition and member, Junior League of Orange County.

Kemp's ability and desire to help people in need is supported by her educational background in Occupational Therapy and Psychology which includes study at New York University, SUNY Albany, Rider University and Mercy College. Her fieldwork assignments were conducted at New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center, Rusk Institute, King's County Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital.

The Crystal Run Village Foundation has been raising and managing funds to meet the needs of children and adults with disabilities living in Rockland, Orange and Sullivan Counties since 1988.

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