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Sharon Osborne Elected to CARF Board of Directors

Seattle, WA - Sharon Osborne, President/CEO of Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW), was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is a nonprofit organization devoted to creating standards for facility and program accreditation to ensure the highest level of service is delivered. Osborne, who formerly served as the Council for Accreditation's Board Chair, was recommended for this position by the Child Welfare Leagues of Canada and United States, as well as Children's Home Society of America.

With a professional career spanning more than 30 years, Osborne's commitment to service excellence, the implementation of best practices, and need for accreditation among child welfare organizations is well known in local, national, and international human service communities. Since her appointment as President/CEO 25 years ago, CHSW has become Washington's largest statewide children's organization, quadrupling in size and now serving approximately 40,000 children and families each year. Among her accomplishments, Osborne is a founding member of various public and private partnerships and collaborations focused upon child welfare reform including Children's Home Society of America and the Partnership for Washington's Children. In 2006, she was appointed liaison to the United Nations representing the International Forum for Child Welfare (IFCW).

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Founded in 1896, Children's Home Society of Washington is the largest statewide children's organization dedicated to providing exceptional and innovative services to children and families. CHSW supports over 40,000 children and families each year through adoption, early learning, foster care, family support, and child and family counseling services as well as advocates for children's rights both statewide and nationally. For more information, visit www.childrenshomesociety.org or call 1-800-456-3339.