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**Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation Appoints New Leader**  
*Foundation Welcomes new President Tammy Lemke*

**HINSDALE, Ill.** – Tammy Lemke has been appointed the new President of the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation (ILCHF) effective November 20, 2008.

"I am thrilled to have been selected to help lead the Foundation in fulfilling its mission of improving the health of all children in Illinois," said Ms. Lemke. "The Foundation is in a unique position to truly make a difference in the lives of children by providing the opportunity to impact the root causes that impede adequate care. I am eager to join such a dynamic organization as ILCHF."

Tammy comes to ILCHF from Prevent Blindness America where as the VP and CFO she oversaw and managed the operations of the national office and provided guidance to all affiliate offices throughout the nation. In this role, Ms. Lemke led and implemented the strategic planning efforts as they related to the areas of financial, human and physical resources.

Prior to joining Prevent Blindness America, Ms. Lemke spent five years with the United Way of Champaign County where she served as President and CEO. In the area of community initiatives and programs, the organization initiated a true impact model for program funding that involved analyzing outcomes. Ms. Lemke led a Community Healthcare Initiative which had an initial goal to increase access to care through expansion of the community's federally qualified health center. Tammy is a certified public accountant with over 13 years of audit, tax and consulting experience with clients in the healthcare and not-for-profit industry.

"We are confident Tammy will be a strong and innovative leader for the Foundation," said Dr. Peter E. Doris, chair of ILCHF board of directors. "She is an accomplished steward of financial resources and has a unique talent to bring people together for positive change. ILCHF will benefit greatly from her past experiences and forward-looking vision."

Ms. Lemke lives in DuPage County with her husband and two daughters. She is a member of the Board of Directors of United Way of DuPage Area and the Marajen Stevick Foundation in Champaign, Illinois.

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**About Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation**

*The Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation was formed in 2003 with one goal in mind: to improve the health of all Illinois children. Through the release of targeted RFPs and proactive, ongoing funding, ILCHF works to eliminate the barriers that prevent children from regularly accessing high-quality health care. Since 2004, the Foundation has awarded about \$30 million in grants to organizations serving children's health needs across the state. Please visit [www.ilchf.org](http://www.ilchf.org) for more information about the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation.*