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Skills of Central PA Announces New Leadership Appointments and a New Focus on Growth

State College, PA | January 9, 2017 — Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. (Skills), a non-profit human services organization, announces new leadership appointments to support their growth. A recognized leader in the non-profit human services arena since 1960, this new leadership coincides with a whole new way of engaging the community, and solidifying their future.

Todd Dieffenbach, MBA, CPA was recently appointed as Chief Financial Officer; and Val Barner as Regional Vice President responsible for Centre, Lycoming, Clinton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Juniata Counties.

“Todd and Val are both highly motivated and successful leaders with proven leadership abilities in building programs and developing the future in intellectual disability and behavioral health programs,” said CEO, Becky Aungst. “Their diverse experience is exactly what we need to create growth in our existing and new programs. We look forward to them supporting and enriching our 2018 initiatives.”

Last year Skills announced their newly enhanced brand to the community. This year, their goal is to take that and engage the community through real life stories that will unveil through their 'Heroes and Stars' campaign. "We get to see the people we support shine within our communities – *they are stars to us*. Each of their stories is important. But without our donors, employers, and supporters, our formula doesn't work. Our supporters are the heroes to the people we support," says Becky. "It's our goal to engage the community so our formula continues to thrive long into the future. A big part of this strategy will be our fundraising concert."

The concert will be held on Friday, May 25th at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. The featured band is 7 Bridges, the Ultimate Eagles Experience. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased on-line with a credit card at: <http://bit.ly/2jvmRTU>.

"I would love to hear from anyone who is interested in sponsorship or getting involved in our event." Says Gwen Auman, Senior Director of Development. "I am not sure people realize how much their involvement means. Just going out and enjoying a fun evening can make a difference to those that benefit from our services. This event will further help us to share our story with the public."

For more information about Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc., [click here](#).

About Skills

Skills provides a wide variety of services to support individuals with behavioral health, intellectual or development challenges so they can live self-determined lives. Whether seeking residential options, vocational, rehabilitative or social opportunities, Skills services are integrated within the communities it serves. The Skills staff partners with individuals (and their families) to help along their journey, creating opportunities that introduce possibility and hope. As a premier health and human services organization, Skills strives to help people overcome adversity, promote choice, encourage recovery, and give support when the people they work with need it most.