



## Press Release

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### **Pope's Place Announces Selection of New Executive Director**

Centralia, WA – Pope's Place, located in Centralia, provides individualized care for children and young adults with exceptional medical and behavioral needs. This summer, Pope's Place board of directors accepted the retirement of Shirley Billings who has provided leadership for Pope's Place over the past four years. President, Sue Sincock, announced the selection of Angela Dickson as the new Executive Director in December following a nationwide search, using a search firm, The Moran Group. Angela will assume her position on January 3, 2022. The Board of Directors are pleased and feel fortunate to find an excellent leader for Pope's Place in our local community stating "she is eager to begin serving and has the spirit and compassion needed to carry forward our mission."

Angela is highly qualified for the position of Executive Director and her vast experience in leadership, program development, and community health nursing will help to continue the excellent services provided by Pope's place and grow the organization as a whole.

Angela's professional background includes acting as the Regional Director for Providence Health & Services Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Program for Washington and Montana from May 2014 through May 2021. Prior to this position, Angela held many professional roles such as clinical nursing educator, a critical care and acute dialysis nurse, and a quality improvement consultant.

Angela holds a Master's degree in Nursing from the University of Washington, she is a Registered Nurse, and she is a Fellow of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control

and Epidemiology (FAPIC). She has written or co-written numerous academic peer reviewed articles and has extensive experience volunteering and facilitating state and national presentations.

Pope's Place, founded in 1995 by Dr. Isaac Pope, exists to provide support for families with the challenges they face in caring for their medically complex child or young adult. The types of support provided include respite care, long-term or transitional care, and residential care. Residents are children and young adults who require high acuity medical care and have mild behavioral needs. Pope's Place provides 24-hour care in a home-like setting with a staff dedicated to providing love, care, and support to residents and their families.

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