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News Release



JOAN HEALY NAMED THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE MERCER COUNTY WIC PROGRAM AT CHSOFNJ

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Joan Healy as the new Director of the Mercer County WIC Program at The Children's Home Society of New Jersey.

Joan brings nearly nine years of experience from Rutgers Cooperative Extension—more than seven of which she spent managing the Mercer County SNAP–Ed Program. During her tenure, she led a team of nutrition educators delivering hands-on nutrition and cooking classes for SNAP-eligible families and advanced sustainable policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives. Her leadership helped schools, food pantries, and community partners expand healthy food access and support families in making nutritious choices on a budget.

For the past five years, Joan has also served as co-chair of the Trenton Health Team's Mercer County Food Stakeholders coalition and has collaborated statewide to strengthen food systems and address food insecurity. Her work has brought together healthcare institutions, food pantries, farmers, school districts, advocacy groups, academia, faith communities, and nonprofits—building partnerships that make healthier communities possible.

Joan's background spans community nutrition, global consumer product marketing at Johnson & Johnson, and leadership roles within the Diocese of Trenton. Across every role, she has championed staff development, collaboration, and excellence in service.

A Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Joan holds an MBA in Marketing from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a BS in Nutritional Sciences from Rutgers University. Her passion for nutrition is deeply personal—she experienced the healing power of healthy food while recovering from a chronic illness more than 30 years ago.

We are excited for Joan to bring her expertise, compassion, and commitment to equity to CHSofNJ as she leads our efforts to expand and strengthen WIC services for families across Mercer County.

Please join us in welcoming Joan to the CHSofNJ team!

