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### **Lynn Rosenthal Announced as President of The Center For Family Safety and Healing**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – The Center for Family Safety and Healing (TCFSH) at Nationwide Children's Hospital has announced the appointment of Lynn Rosenthal as President, effective March 25. Rosenthal, a nationally known champion for the prevention of family violence, has served as the director, Violence Against Women Initiatives for the Biden Foundation since 2017, where she advanced the Foundation's programs to create cultural change towards ending domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Lynn was the perfect candidate – nationally known for her extensive experience as both an executive leader and policy advisor for advancing women's health and the prevention of domestic violence," said TCFSH Board Chair Abigail Wexner. "She has proven herself an effective and passionate agent for change and we are thrilled to have her expertise at the helm of our Center. Lynn will guide this strong multi-disciplinary team into the future, accelerating our collective mission to break the cycle of family violence and restore hope."

From 2009-15, Rosenthal was the first-ever White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, coordinating efforts to address domestic and sexual violence. In this capacity, Rosenthal co-chaired the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and led interagency collaboration to spark new prevention initiatives.

Rosenthal also served as vice president for Strategic Partnerships at the National Domestic Violence Hotline, executive director of the National Network to End Domestic Violence and leadership positions at state domestic violence coalitions in Florida and New Mexico.

"The opportunity to lead TCFSH is a perfect culmination of my collective experience in both the governmental and non-profit sectors," said Lynn Rosenthal. "TCFSH is an exemplary leader in family violence intervention and prevention and has broken new ground in addressing violence across the lifespan. I am eager to begin work with a terrific team and in the great community of Columbus to continue this forward progress. We owe it to families affected by violence to commit ourselves to make a difference."

In her role as president of TCFSH, Rosenthal will work closely with local advocates and community partners, including Franklin County Children's Service, Columbus Division of Police, Columbus City Prosecutor Office, CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, and a diverse group of community organizations to address all aspects of family violence, including child abuse and neglect, teen dating abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse.

#### **About The Center for Family Safety and Healing**

In 2011, the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's, which was founded in 2002, and the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, established in 1998, merged to become The Center for Family Safety and Healing. Abigail S. Wexner, the founder of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, is the Board Chair of TCFSH and has been instrumental in how the community responds to family violence.