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**Signal Centers Announces New Leadership**

*Nonprofit Adds Three to Growing Executive Leadership Team*

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (March 26, 2025)** – Signal Centers announces three new deputies are joining its executive leadership team. Jenny Wood and Joey Thomas will serve as deputy program officers, and Sharon Green will serve as the deputy finance officer.

In their new roles as deputy program officers, Wood and Thomas will focus on the strategic and operational goals for Signal Centers’ 11 local programs. Both are charged with collaborating to build strong programs that bring the agency’s mission and vision to fruition, meet real community needs, and adhere to the highest standard of quality. Wood and Thomas will maintain programmatic compliance and excellence by setting priorities, allocating resources, and ensuring measurable outcomes.

As deputy financial officer, Green will assist with the management of the accounting department, including supervising staff and overseeing financial processes and reporting. She’s tasked with ensuring that fiscal functions of the organization operate in accordance with applicable regulations and financial management practices.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jenny, Joey, and Sharon to our ranks and know they will accomplish great things in their new positions,” said Donna McConnico, CEO of Signal Centers. “Their unique expertise will be instrumental in helping us continue to expand the impact we have on the Chattanooga community.”

**Jenny Wood**

Wood was promoted from Signal Centers’ director of Children’s Services. She has been with the nonprofit since September 2022, when she joined as an early childhood development coordinator. As a veteran with a Master of Education in Early Childhood and Special Education from Grand Canyon University and a Bachelor of Social Work from Austin Peay University, she brings with her specialized expertise in strategic leadership, personnel management, and systems design.

**Joey Thomas**

Thomas joins the team from Cempa Community Care, where he served as director of community health since 2023. He holds a Master of Public Health from The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, a Juris Doctorate from The University of Memphis, and experience as a Lieutenant with the Chattanooga Fire Department. As a public health leader, Thomas is well versed in community engagement and systems-level impact with the end goal of establishing preventative, comprehensive solutions to reducing disparities.

**Sharon Green**

Green was most recently the chief of operations at Olivet Baptist Church. With a strong background in accounting, nonprofit leadership, and systems management, Green is known for building efficient processes, strengthening fiscal oversight, and driving results through collaboration and structure. She is completing a Master of Public Administration and holds a Master of Science in Leadership from Belhaven University.

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**Signal Centers**

Signal Centers has been a cornerstone of the Chattanooga community since 1957. Its comprehensive early childhood education and disability services focus on fostering lifelong learning and independence for all. From one classroom of nine children with cerebral palsy to a statewide organization comprised of 13 distinct programs, the nonprofit’s mission of self-sufficiency remains unchanged. For more information, visit [signalcenters.org](https://signalcenters.org).