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Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy Welcomes New Board Chair Kevin Butscher, Thanks Former Chair Dr. Jaime Gilliam for her Dedication and Service

NORCO, Calif. – Friends of Leaps & Bounds Pediatric Therapy, Inc. (FOLB) welcomes Kevin Butscher as the 2024 FOLB Board Chair and would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation for the former Chair Dr. Jaime Gilliam’s service at this time of transition. Gilliam is a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Body Basics Physical Therapy in Norco, who offered her expertise and served as FOLB Board Chair from January 2022 to December 2023 and has been a member of the Board of Director’s since the nonprofit’s inception in 2012. Dr. Gilliam was one of four community members who created the nonprofit in response to a severe lack of access to specialty medically-necessary therapy services for children with disabilities in the Inland Empire to assist families who do not have medical insurance or the financial resources to pay for necessary therapy services to help them reach goals of independent physical functioning such as walking, dressing themselves, feeding themselves, or accessing school and the community.

“Jaime’s passion for FOLB’s mission is evident in everything she does. She was integral to getting the nonprofit up and running and has provided her unfailing service toward our efforts for more than 12 years,” said Founder Dr. Cassandra Sanders-Holly. “Many people do not realize how often she works silently in the background as one of the biggest champions of the cause. It was great to see her take on the Board Chair role in recent years, helping the nonprofit reach new levels of impact and growth under her tenure.”

Butscher, a member of the Board of Directors since 2021, stepped into the Board Chair position officially on January 21, 2024. He was introduced to FOLB when his daughter who has a diagnosis of Autism and Development Coordination Disorder began participating in the nonprofit programming and his niece began participating as a volunteer. He quickly proceeded to get his employer engaged in fundraising and offered his time to get involved personally on the Board.

Butscher holds a master’s degree in business administration from Cal Poly Pomona and is currently the Manager of the Information Technology Security Operations Center for the City of Irvine. Kevin is also an active special education advocate and, together with his wife,

founded the Chino Valley Special Needs Network to help parents with resources, support, and information. Kevin recently completed a course in nonprofit management through the Riordan Leadership Institute of Los Angeles and is committed to excellence in this new role.

"I love this magical place so much. I am completely invested in its continued successes and the incredible impact it has on children with disabilities," said Butscher. "FOLB has been instrumental in covering a cost gap for thousands of children, enabling them to get the services they need to grow and reach their goals!"

FOLB is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation. It was founded by four members of the community who noticed a severe lack of access to specialty medically necessary therapy services for children with disabilities in the Inland Empire. Many children do not have medical insurance or the financial resources to pay for necessary therapy services to help them reach goals of independent physical functioning such as walking, dressing themselves, feeding themselves, or accessing school and the community. Hippotherapy is a highly research-based treatment strategy used by physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists to achieve rapid improvements in functional skills.

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