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## **Epworth Children & Family Services Announces Four New Board Members**

ST. LOUIS, MO, October 2017 – Epworth Children & Family Services is pleased to announce the appointment of four new members of its Board of Directors.

Joining the Board of Directors are **Steven R. Hill, Michael W. Lawrence, Gail F. Scannell and Brooke C. Yamini**. *“All four of our newest Board members embody the spirit of community and bring tremendous talent, expertise and positive energy to the table. We are very fortunate to have them join our team as we continue to set the course for the future of Epworth Children & Family Services,”* Michelle Tucker, Chief Executive Officer.

**Steven Hill**, is an entrepreneur and retired Microsoft Executive. He has owned and operated FASTSIGNS St. Louis in the Central West End since June 2016, providing visual communications to the business customers in the St. Louis area. During his tenure with Microsoft Corporation, he served in several leadership capacities including Technology & Software Asset Management, Licensing and Pricing with legal, purchasing, and IT from Fortune 500 companies.

Hill has a passion for community outreach in the areas of diversity, sales and advocacy and serves on the Board of the Diversity Awareness Partnership. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business from Park University and earned an M.B.A. from Lindenwood University. Hill also served as Staff Sergeant with the United States Air Force in the Tucson, Arizona area during the late 80’s and early 90’s.

**Michael Lawrence** currently serves as the Bank of America St. Louis Market President. He began his career in 2000 as a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch in Irving, Texas and quickly rose through the ranks earning his CRPC in 2008. After serving as Resident Director and then Associate Director in Columbus, Ohio, Lawrence was named Complex Director for New Mexico and also served as State Market President. In 2014 he became the St. Louis Complex Director and soon thereafter Market Integration Executive of St. Louis.

He has a passion for youth and families and serves on the Board of Fathers Support Center. He is also involved with the United Way of Greater St. Louis. Lawrence obtained a Bachelor's degree in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine (UCI)

**Gail Scannell** leads the National Technology Banking Division of U.S. Bancorp's Wholesale Banking. She has more than 25 years of banking experience, with expertise in sponsored private equity transactions and capital markets. Scannell began her career at First Chicago Corp. (now JPMorgan) where she held roles of increasing responsibility.

She received an M.B.A. in Finance and Accounting from the University of Chicago-Booth School of Business and a B.A. in Mathematics and Economics from Wellesley College. Scannell is on the Board of Directors for local and class boards for Wellesley College. She is also a cofounder of the Girls on the Run program in her area.

**Brooke Yamini** moved to St. Louis from Atlanta, Georgia in 2016 as Director of Sales for the Central Plains District with United Parcel Service (UPS). Prior to this role, she served on Corporate Special Assignment for UPS, responsible for Enterprise Sales Strategy. She has in-depth experience in international sales and strategic account management with Fortune 500 companies.

Brooke has a passion for youth and serves on the Auxiliary Board of United Way of Greater St. Louis. She earned an M.B.A. in Global Business from the Georgia Institute of Technology, participated in Leading Strategic Change Executive Education program at Columbia Business School and holds a Global Leadership Certification from the Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications.

For more information about Epworth Children & Family Services call 314.961.5718 or visit [www.Epworth.org](http://www.Epworth.org).

About Epworth Children & Family Services Headquartered in St. Louis, MO, Epworth Children & Family Services is a multi-service nonprofit agency that helps children, youth and families move toward self-sufficiency. Epworth offers foster care services, emergency youth shelter, residential treatment, in-home family therapy, transitional housing, psychological evaluation, prevention services and a 24-hour help line. For more information about Epworth Children & Family Services, call 314-961-5718 or visit [www.epworth.org](http://www.epworth.org).

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