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**Rainbows United, Inc. Continues Restructuring**

**Wichita, Kan. August 21, 2009** – As part of its ongoing restructuring efforts, the Rainbows United Board of Directors has terminated Lorraine Dold as President/CEO and continues focusing on the long-term financial viability of the organization.

Dold led the organization for more than 20 years and was placed on indefinite paid administrative leave before the organization filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy on July 30.

On August 5 the Rainbows United Board announced Hale Ritchie would be the Chief Restructuring Officer. Ritchie offered to donate his time and the Board accepted. He will spend the next few months managing the agency's reorganization plan as submitted to the court while overseeing efforts to build the long-term financial viability the organization. Ritchie reports directly to the Board of Directors.

Analysis of the organization's finances continues. Spirit AeroSystems, Sedgwick County and Cox Communications have loaned financial experts to help with accounting.

"We are working through the details of restructuring and working with our creditors and partners so we can continue to serve children with disabilities so they can take their first step, communicate with their families and be successful in their lives," said Ritchie.

Through the reorganization, Rainbows United has focused on continuing to provide services to children with special needs. Child care for typically developing children has been reduced as has child care at Rainbows for about 30 children with special needs. Those children will continue to receive Rainbows services in homes or community centers.

Rainbows United continues to serve more than 2,500 children, including 2,200 with special needs throughout Sedgwick and Butler counties and remains dedicated to enhancing the lives of children with varied abilities and needs through customized services designed in partnership with the family as they have been for 37 years.

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