

A Word From the Executive Director



Third Way Center is much more than a job; it's a way of life. At least for me and 14 other women, named Trailblazers, who are being celebrated at this year's True Grit gala on October 21st. I feel privileged to work among these women. These remarkable pioneers have put in a minimum of 20 years at Third Way Center and are mission-driven, dedicated, loyal, and unique in what they bring to their jobs every day.

Third Way Center is not an easy place to work. At a minimum, it takes patience, a willingness to learn, some humility, a little knowledge, and a lot of grit, along with many other attributes.

Third Way Center needs a wide range of wisdom, opinions, and knowledge, recognizing that no one can do this job alone. The Trailblazers are all quite different and yet can come together for the sake of our most vulnerable youth.

Of course, there are many others who contribute to the overall success of Third Way Center's mission and deserve much praise as well. It takes a village, a village of compassionate, dedicated, innovative problem solvers with the shared vision of serving kids who have grown up in a world where it is safer not to trust.

I hope you can join us on October 21st for a memorable evening honoring our Trailblazers and supporting the youth and families of Third Way Center!

Trailblazers:

Hildegard Messenbaugh- Medical Director and founder; Lenora Rogers- Mental Health Counselor; Renee Johnson- Executive Director; Jody Groves- Operations Coordinator; Kristi Edmonds- Clinical Director; Kim Renner- Assistant Clinical Director of Community & QRTP; Theresa McGrath- Office Manager; Heidi Coughlin- Director of Operations; Karen Briscoe- Office Manager; Liz Whittet- Director of Vocation/Education; Amber Lacy- Director of Admissions; Dana Freisinger- Assistant Clinical Director of PRTF; Amy Huber- Lead MHC, Erin Martin- Associate Operations Director, Yuna Yi- School Social Worker JFA.

Thank you, Trailblazers! We wouldn't be here without you.