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Dear Friends and Partners of Relate Counseling Center,

I want to personally let you know that I am retiring from Relate Counseling Center mid-September. It's hard to believe that 28 years ago I started working at Relate as a receptionist. My plan was to spend a few years here and then move on after I received my Bachelors' degree. Thankfully one thing led to another and eventually I was given the opportunity to lead Relate for the past 20 years.

For years, most of us look forward to retiring and before you know it, the time is right. This just seems like the right time for me. I'm leaving Relate in a healthy place and in capable hands. We have a strong leadership team and a very skilled clinical and administrative staff. I'm very confident they will carry on the high quality services we've been providing in the community for 46 years.

The Relate Board of Directors has formed a Search Committee and has hired a consultant to find a replacement for me. We have agreed that I will stay on until they find the right candidate to lead Relate and to provide consultation and support when the new Executive Director joins the Relate team. I know the Board of Directors has the best interests of Relate in mind as they move forward in their search for a new Executive Director. The position has been posted on the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits website and the Relate Counseling Center website.

I'm sure that my next life adventure will be just as fulfilling as this one has been for me. I want to thank all of you who I have had the pleasure to meet, work with and get to know over the years. Relate wouldn't be what it is today without your support. I hope that you will continue to support the high quality mental and chemical health services Relate Counseling Center provides to individuals, families, couples and our community partners.

Sincerely,

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