**Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston Agency Names New Executive Director**

*Wendy Dresser-Recktenwald will lead a two-county organization*

*that serves more than 30,000 people annually*

ROCHESTER, New York (September 18, 2024) – Wendy Dresser-Rectenwald has been appointed Executive Director of Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston, an agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester serving communities throughout Steuben and Livingston counties. She will begin in this position September 23, 2024.

The appointment was announced by Karen Dehais, President and Diocesan Director for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester, and Chris O’Brien, Chair of the Board for Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston.

Ms. Dresser-Recktenwald brings experience leading teams to drive results along with expertise in the fields of human resource management, mental health and addiction. Most recently, she served as Vice President at Casa Trinity and was Chief of Staff at SUNY Alfred where she led human resources, the Center for Community Education and Training, and the Police Academy. She was selected after a comprehensive process conducted by a search committee that included members of the Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston Board who live and work in the region.

“I am excited to join the Catholic Charities Steuben Livingston team,” said Ms. Dresser-Recktenwald, “an organization with strong roots and a meaningful mission that is committed to making the world a better place.”

Ms. Dresser-Recktenwald, a long-time Steuben County community member, will direct services such as emergency food and housing, family strengthening, addiction recovery, employment readiness, and more. The agency serves more than 30,000 people annually through offices in Mount Morris, Bath, Hornell and several program sites.

“We are confident that Wendy’s skills, combined with her deep commitment to Catholic Charities’ mission and to the communities across Steuben and Livingston counties, will make her an outstanding leader for the dedicated agency staff and volunteers, and an effective advocate for needs across the region,” said Catholic Charities’ President Karen Dehais.

Catholic Charities of Steuben/Livingston welcomes all people in need and offers compassionate assistance without regard to religious, racial, ethnic, or economic background. “We look forward to partnering with Wendy to further advance the critical services provided by Catholic Charities to those in need within our local communities,” said Chris O’Brien, Chair of the Board for Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston.

Ms. Dresser-Recktenwald holds a Master of Science degree in Human Resources and Organizational Development from St. John Fisher University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from SUNY Geneseo.

*More information about Catholic Charities Steuben/Livingston can be found* [*here*](https://ccsteubenlivingston.org/) *and more information about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester can be found* [*here.*](https://ccdor.org/)