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## **IAAP'S New Kansas Division President is a TFI Employee!**

**Emporia, KS – June 22, 2009** TFI Family Services, Inc. could not be more proud! This past weekend, The Kansas Division International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) held their Annual Meeting and banquet to celebrate this past year's achievements of their Kansas Chapters, as well as installing the new president for the Kansas Division. Martha Leek, CPS, from TFI Family Services, Inc. stepped into the role of President for the 2009-2010 term as she made her first speech. The banquet was held at the Topeka Holiday Inn Holidome with IAAP Chapter members attending from across the state representing Manhattan, Emporia, Overland Park, Olathe, Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita and Arkansas City.

Martha belongs to the local IAAP Chapter in Emporia and while members often joke that they are 'small, but mighty,' this past year's events have proven that statement all too true. This small but mighty chapter has produced not only the new President for the Kansas Division, but also contributed efforts towards their division being awarded the Avery Great Results Achievement Award for this past year's accomplishments. At IAAP's Educational Forum and Annual meeting in held in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 26 -29, the Kansas Division will receive the One Division Prestige Award worth \$1,000. The award is determined by an application process where IAAP chapters and divisions nationally compete. This year was the first the Kansas Division has received such an award. The Avery Great Results Chapter and Division Achievement Awards Program recognizes excellence in specific areas of operations such as outstanding educational programs, promotion of professional certifications, and membership recruitment and retention. The award of \$1,000 will be used for educational programs that focus on pertinent issues facing the administrative profession.

During Martha's Incoming President's Speech, she shared that her involvement with IAAP has given her the confidence and knowledge to step into this role, thanking her chapter for their support in higher education. Martha's goals for the Kansas Division Chapters are to build on this past year's theme of 'Excellence in Action' by putting this year's theme "Powers of Commitment" into action by adding commitment to purpose, commitment to our membership, and commitment to action with communication being an area of focus. She ended her speech with an inspiration quote by Abraham Lincoln.

*"Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions, and the actions which speak louder than the words. Commitment is making the time when there is none. Coming through time, after time, after time, year after year, after year. Commitment is the stuff character is made of: the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism."*

Martha's first action as President will be as the delegate to the International Education Forum and Annual Meeting, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 26 -29 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. She will be representing the Kansas Division at the business sessions that highlight the association leadership, but will also have the opportunity to attend more than 50 education workshops focusing on topics from management skills to leadership development.

When asked how IAAP has influenced Martha's career path, she replied, "Being involved with IAAP has given me confidence in myself as an administrative professional and it has allowed me to promote other administrative professionals within TFI Family Services for the important support and work they contribute." Because Martha has been so involved with IAAP and continuing education is valued at TFI, Martha's work goals have included maintaining her certification and bringing what she has learned to share in her workplace. She has made presentations to TFI's administrative assistants, passing on knowledge and skills that she has learned, as well as keeping up with what is new in technology. She promotes the need for skilled administrative assistants with training and quarterly meetings to encourage growth in their job. TFI promotes team work and with IAAP, Martha has been given the confidence to be a leader and to work as a team leader, setting standards of excellence.

**ABOUT IAAP** – The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) is a not-for-profit professional association with approximately 40,000 members and affiliates and nearly 600 chapters worldwide. IAAP works in partnership with employers to promote professional excellence. The Heartland Chapter of the IAAP was established in Emporia, KS in June, 1993. To learn more about IAAP, visit their website at [www.iaap-hq.org](http://www.iaap-hq.org) or Heartland Chapter's website at [www.heartlandiaap.org](http://www.heartlandiaap.org)

**ABOUT TFI Family Services** – TFI Family Services is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for youth and families through Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services. To learn more about TFI, please visit [www.the-farm.org](http://www.the-farm.org).

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