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Firefly Autism Names Meghan Tolley President & CEO

Experienced clinical leader brings deep knowledge of Firefly and a clear vision for its next chapter

DENVER, CO — November 2, 2026 — Firefly Autism has named **Meghan Tolley, MEd, BCBA, President & Chief Executive Officer**, elevating an experienced clinical leader who already knows the organization, its people, programs, and the individuals and families it serves.

Tolley brings more than a decade of experience in autism services, clinical operations, and organizational leadership. She holds a Master of Education in special education from Vanderbilt University and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Tolley joined Firefly Autism in 2025 as Director of Clinical Operations following an extensive search led by longtime CEO Dr. Amanda Kelly. The two worked closely together, giving Tolley a deep understanding of Firefly's programs, culture, and organizational foundation while allowing her to help shape its future direction.

Most recently serving as Co-Interim CEO, Tolley helped guide Firefly through its leadership transition while maintaining a strong focus on clinical quality, organizational stability, and the needs of the individuals and families Firefly serves.

Prior to joining Firefly, Tolley held clinical and operational leadership roles at Behavioral Innovations and BlueSprig Pediatrics. Throughout her career, she has led multidisciplinary teams, developed and expanded clinical programs and worked to improve services for autistic individuals and others with developmental disabilities.

"Meghan brings a deep understanding of the important clinical work of Firefly," said **Linda Childears, Chair of Firefly Autism's Board of Directors**. "The Board is confident

that her experience, commitment to serving individuals with autism, and her vision for Firefly will provide continuity and growth for our future."

As President & CEO, Tolley will lead Firefly's strategic priorities, including expanding access to services, strengthening individualized support and identifying new opportunities to reach more autistic individuals and families throughout Colorado.

"When I first arrived at Firefly, it felt like I was finding my community," Tolley said. "It has been incredible to see the heart and passion that every member of this organization brings to their work every day. Firefly is a place where everyone belongs, and it represents hope and optimism for the families we serve. As we move into this next chapter, I'm excited to continue expanding our reach, breaking down barriers, and serving more families."

About Firefly Autism

Firefly Autism is a Colorado-based nonprofit committed to empowering autistic individuals facing barriers to services through personalized programs and supportive community connections.

Learn more at fireflyautism.org.

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