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Phelan Elected Chair of Northern Rivers Board of Directors

ALBANY, NY– Kimberleigh A. Phelan, a vice president with M&T Bank in Albany, has been elected chair of the Northern Rivers Family Services Board of Directors. Phelan, who previously served as vice chair, leads a slate of officers including Vice-Chair Andrew Halliday, Treasurer Mark Bryant and Secretary Dominick Trimarchi.

The Northern Rivers Affiliate Board, representing Northeast Parent & Child Society and Parsons Child and Family Center, reelected Rose Mary Bailly as chair and elected Cora Schroeter as vice-chair.

"I am very enthused and encouraged as I step up to the board chairperson role," said Phelan. "Having been with Northern Rivers since inception three years ago and with Parsons Child and Family nine years before that, I know the organizations well and am familiar with the opportunities and challenges that we face. We have a very dynamic and committed group that supports our organizations, clients and communities."

"Kim Phelan is the right leader for Northern Rivers as we enter a transformational time for family services," said John Henley, Northern Rivers CEO. "With the advent of managed care for children statewide and the ongoing integration of primary and behavioral healthcare, Kim's stewardship will help us grow to provide care for thousands of additional children and families in need."

At M&T, Phelan works with small and mid-sized for-profit and nonprofit organizations throughout the Capital Region. In addition to her responsibility to develop new business, she works with small to mid-sized businesses to structure debt, facilitate growth and recommend other business partners.

She is also involved with the Town of Bethlehem Economic Development Small Business Grant Program and the Friends of Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Board. Along with being a Capital Leadership Class of 2004 member, she has also received a Business Review 40 under 40 award in 2005.

About Northern Rivers Family Services

<u>Northern Rivers Family Services</u> was established in 2012 through affiliation with longstanding family service agencies Parsons Child and Family Center and Northeast Parent & Child Society. Together, the 1,300-strong workforce of Northern Rivers and affiliates serve more than 13,000 children and families in 41 counties each year, with \$85 million invested through more than 60 social service programs. Northern Rivers builds a strong, successful and healthy future for our children, families and communities through

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