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Mature Services leader to retire

WEST AKRON — Mature Services announced Linda Valentine, president/CEO of the organization since 2010, will retire June 1.

“The agency has really benefited under Linda’s direction,” said Pam Hawkins, chair of the Board of Directors. “She has overseen the agency through some difficult economic times and still managed to not only maintain services but promote growth.”

Valentine has been with the agency since 1988, when she was hired by then President/CEO Edward Kaufman. She started out in the accounting department and eventually moved into the position of vice president/chief financial officer.

“While it was a very difficult decision to leave Mature Services, an agency I have dedicated the last 27 years to, I am looking forward to joining my husband in retirement and enjoying the next chapter of my life,” said Valentine. “I feel I am leaving the agency at a high point in its history and am very proud of what the staff and volunteers have accomplished in the last five years as I’ve had the privilege of serving as its president/CEO.”

Hawkins said a search committee to replace Valentine has been formed.

“While we are sorry to lose such a capable individual as Linda, we are confident we will find the right person to continue to execute our long-term strategic plan for serving older adults,” she added.

For information on applying for the position, contact Sue Henige, director of human resources, at 330-253-4597, ext. 186, or shenige@matureservices.org.

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