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### **Executive Director to Retire from Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center**

**GLEN ELLYN, IL, January 7** — The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center announces that its Executive Director, Joyce Hothan, will retire on January 31, 2019 after five years of dedicated service. Her five years of service involved many significant achievements. Most notably, under her leadership GECRC grew its donations significantly enabling the organization to open its third afterschool enrichment site at Churchill Elementary, bringing the number of low-income children served to over 200. The program's volunteer base also grew significantly during her tenure, topping 300 volunteers during the 2016-2017 academic year. Prior to her role at GECRC, Joyce worked for 16 years with BRIDGE Communities, serving homeless families in DuPage County.

The Board at GECRC expresses tremendous gratitude to Joyce. "We have been fortunate to benefit from Joyce's experienced development and fundraising skills, as well as her passion for our mission. There is never an ideal time to make significant organizational changes, but she has positioned GECRC to weather this change. We thank her for her service, and wish her the best of luck in the next well-deserved chapter of her life," says Celia Rodee, Board President.

"It has been a great joy and privilege to grow this organization in stature and children served, as well as to bring on competent staff through growing our financial resources. I know that this organization will thrive long after my five years in this position. It has been a pleasure working with the board, staff, dedicated volunteers, generous donors and most of all, the wonderful children we serve," says Joyce Hothan.

Donations can be made at [www.gecrc.com](http://www.gecrc.com) in honor of Joyce Hothan to The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center Scholarship Fund, which awards financial assistance to Glenbard West Seniors who attended GECRC during their elementary school years.

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## **About Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC)**

The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center is a non-profit organization serving the greater Glen Ellyn community that empowers a growing number of low-income children to realize their full potential through an intensive five-day-a-week after-school tutoring and mentoring program. Participation is open to students who attend District 41 and meet low-income and academic risk guidelines. Annually GECRC's program serves over 200 immigrant, refugee and American born students from 14 different countries and people groups. Programming emphasizes math, literacy, and community involvement, using the talents of teachers, volunteer tutors, and a variety of local support services. GECRC regularly seeks volunteer tutors. Learn more at [www.gecrc.com](http://www.gecrc.com).

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*Joyce Hothan pictured with GECRC students*

