

## Erin E. Engelke Named Executive Director of Calm Waters Center for Children and Families



**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK** -- Calm Waters Center for Children and Families recently announced Erin E. Engelke as the new Executive Director. Located in Oklahoma City, Calm Waters provides free grief support services for children and families on their grief journey caused by death, divorce or other significant loss.

“This is an exciting time of growth for Calm Waters and Erin,” said Dan Martel, Chairman of the Board. “She is a seasoned leader who brings tremendous value to the organization. Calm Waters has seen incredible growth over the last several months and we are excited for the next phase of program expansion and strategic planning, ultimately leading to Calm Waters improving more lives across Oklahoma City.”

Engelke’s career spans years of service in the community, where she has dedicated herself to improving the lives of families in Oklahoma. Prior to joining Calm Waters, Engelke served as the Chief External Relations Officer for Sunbeam Family Services, where she managed the organization’s Fundraising, Marketing, Public Relations and Volunteer programs. Previously, she served in fundraising and public relations roles for Feed the Children, World Neighbors and MidFirst Bank.

A graduate of Oklahoma Christian University, Engelke serves on the Board of Trustees for Shepherd’s Hill International and The Christian Chronicle, Treasurer for the Public Relations Society of America and past President of the Association of Women in Communications. She is an active member of the Junior League of Oklahoma City and is frequently tapped to speak on issues relating to branding, non-profit marketing, management and work-life balance, having served as a 2014 TEDx presenter.

Engelke was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Oklahoma Christian University, The Journal Record Achievers Under 40 2010 honor, is a 2013 40 Under 40 honoree from okcbiz.com and 40 Under 40 Honoree from Oklahoma Magazine. She is also accredited in public relations (APR) through the Public Relations Society of America.

Engelke resides in Edmond with her husband and three children.

“I am absolutely thrilled to join the Calm Waters family and work to improve the lives of grieving children and families in our community,” said Engelke. “It’s a tragic reality that everyone, at some point in their lives will grieve the loss of a loved one. I personally experienced multiple miscarriages years ago and would have greatly benefitted from Calm Waters’ incredible programs and services.”

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*Calm Waters Center for Children and Families provides free grief support services for children and families on their grief journey caused by death, divorce or other significant loss. Since beginning in 1992, Calm Waters has served more than 40,000 individuals across the Greater OKC Metro Area through Center and School Based Support Groups. For more information about Calm Waters and their services, visit [www.calmwaters.org](http://www.calmwaters.org) or call 405-841-4800. Calm Waters is a proud United Way of Central Oklahoma Partner Agency.*