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The Association for Creatine Deficiencies Welcomes Heidi Wallis as President

Carlsbad, CA (January 15, 2020)- The Association for Creatine Deficiencies (ACD) is pleased to welcome Heidi Wallis as President. Heidi formerly served as Vice President and is in her fifth year of service on the ACD Board. Whitnie Strauss will be serving as the ACD Vice President.

"It is an exciting time for the creatine deficiency community. Interest in the field of CCDS is on the rise among researchers, the ACD has organized a Gene Therapy Consortium, and the number of patients being diagnosed and joining our support community is growing. I am excited to serve in this capacity to support current initiatives and work towards the ACD vision of a better life for all those affected by CCDS." -Heidi Wallis

Heidi lives in Salt Lake City, Utah with her husband, Trey and their four children. Samantha (16) was diagnosed with GAMT deficiency at 5-1/2 years of age. Louis (8) was diagnosed with GAMT deficiency and began treatment at birth. Heidi manages the newborn screening informatics team at the Utah Department of Health. She also serves as patient advocate representative and Utah team co-lead for the Mountain States Regional Genetics Network and patient advocate representative for Utah's Newborn Screening Advisory Committee.

"The board is excited to transition Heidi into this leadership role and look forward to her term and the ACD's continued work toward newborn screening, supporting research efforts for a CTD treatment, and continued CCDS education amongst both patients and professionals." -Whitnie Strauss

About ACD: The Association for Creatine Deficiencies' mission is to eliminate the challenges of CCDS. ACD is committed to providing patient, family, and public education to advocate for early intervention through newborn screening, and to promote and fund medical research for treatments and cures for Cerebral Creatine Deficiency Syndromes. Because CCDS mimic symptoms of other medical conditions, patients are often first diagnosed with autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and other disorders. Proper diagnosis and early intervention are critical to establishing screening and treatments needed to improve life quality and longevity for the CCDS patient. For more information regarding ACD, please visit <http://www.creatineinfo.org>.