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Variety – the Children’s Charity of Iowa Announces 2020-2021 Board of Directors Appointments

Des Moines, IA (May 20, 2020) – Variety – the Children’s Charity of Iowa is pleased to announce the appointment of Lance Gardner, Senior Managing Director of Principal Midwest Business Center, as president of the Variety State Board of Directors for 2020-2021. Variety also welcomes new members to the executive committee and to the Young Variety Board of Directors.

"We are pleased to welcome Lance as our board president in addition to all of our executive committee members and board members. Their unique backgrounds and diverse experience will make them great assets to our organization," Sheri McMichael, executive director of Variety said. "Lance brings talent, expertise and leadership to Variety, and we look forward to having his insights as we navigate this next year."

Members of the 2020-2021 executive committee include:

- President: Lance Gardner, Principal Midwest Business Center
- Vice President of Operations: Gabe Olson, West Bank
- Vice President of Development: Kim Hegedus, Community State Bank
- Vice President of Marketing: Polly Loneman, Prairie Meadows
- Past President: Susan Hatten, Holmes Murphy

Variety also welcomes two new board members:

- Jon Phillips, Wells Fargo
- Kenny Chasten, Wellmark
- Lisa Baker, Baker Electric Company

Young Variety, the young professionals’ arm of Variety, also elected a new slate of officers and new board members:

- President: Christina Tim, Wells Fargo
- Vice President: Jacob Repp, New York Life
- Secretary: Amber Weger, West Bank
- Vice President of Communications: Maggie Moller, MercyOne Des Moines
- Vice President of Events: Colby Elmitt, QCI
- Vice President of Outreach: Jeremiah Wright, U.S. Bank
- Vice President of Philanthropy: Patrick Murphy, Wells Fargo
- Past President: Joe Sheridan, Choice Creative Solutions

Young Variety also welcomed four new board members:

- Amy Luong, LS2group
- Ben Couch, Reynolds & Reynolds
- Jennifer McLarney, Wells Fargo
- Katie Dietz, Holmes Murphy

A complete list of the Variety and Young Variety Board of Directors can be found at, <https://varietyiowa.com/leadership>.

About Variety

Variety is dedicated to improving the lives of children who are underprivileged, at-risk, critically ill and living with special needs throughout Iowa. Funding is provided to programs and initiatives that directly impact the wellbeing of children in our community. For more information on how you can be part of our work, please visit varietyiowa.com.

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