



On October 3, 2023, dozens, if not hundreds of friends, colleagues, former colleagues, foster parents, county employees, former county employees, family members and admirers bid goodbye and congratulations to Children and Youth retiring Executive Director Marge McKeone in room 110 of the Bucks County Administration Building. While noshing on wraps, pretzels and cake, Marge held court from 1 to 4pm while her service to Bucks County was honored. Marge said her departure was “very bittersweet . It’s hard to let it all go. There are so many good people here.”

Bucks County Commissioners proclaimed October 6 “Marge McKeone Day” in honor of Marge’s long service as a critically important member of Children and Youth, after 34 years in several demanding roles overseeing the care and services of tens of thousands of children and families at risk.

Marge began her career as a Children and Youth caseworker in 1989 when she was pursuing her master’s degree in social work. She was promoted to supervisor in the intensive services department in 1994, later becoming the division’s first manager. Intensive cases are the agency’s most demanding, as parental rights are being terminated and children are moving toward adoption. In 2008, Marge was promoted to assistant director of Children and Youth and director in 2019 of the 200 employee agency.

Marge’s passion for children reached into the community as well. She served as secretary for the Delaware Valley Adoption Council, co-president of Resolve Philadelphia and Adoption Conferences and PA State Government Commission Advisory Council on Adoption. In 2002, she was honored with the US Congressional Coalition Angel in Adoption Award, in 2013, the Bucks County Award for Excellence and in 2022, the Mary Ellen Richmond Award for Service.

Her legacy at C and Y will be lasting. Bucks for Kids bids farewell and best wishes to Marge in her retirement with her grandchildren. We will miss her!