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### **Baby Fold Vice President Receives Illinois Jaycee's Outstanding Young Persons Award**

NORMAL, IL — The Illinois Jaycees has selected Sam Guillory as an honoree for The Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) award, recognizing individuals who demonstrate excellence in their fields and a strong commitment to community service. Guillory is being recognized in the category of contribution to children, world peace, and/or human rights.

Guillory, Vice President of Development and Public Relations for The Baby Fold, a leading nonprofit organization supporting children and families, is being acknowledged for her remarkable contributions to children's welfare, world peace, and human rights.

In response to her selection, Guillory expressed gratitude, stating, “Receiving the Illinois Jaycees Outstanding Young Persons of Illinois award is an immense honor that helps fuel my commitment to community service. This recognition serves as a reminder that collective efforts can and do bring about positive change in the lives of local children.”

An Illinois State University alumna, Guillory holds professional certifications in fundraising and fundraising management from Boston University and The Fundraising School at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. She is deeply passionate about The Baby Fold's mission to bring health and wellness into the lives of children.

Guillory's dedication to community service extends beyond her role at The Baby Fold. She is actively involved in community organizations, including an advisor for Circle K International at Illinois State University, Kiwanis Club of Bloomington, and serves as Development Committee Chairman for an emerging 501c3 to help those suffering from eating disorders and disordered eating.

“The Illinois Jaycees is proud to honor young active citizens for their accomplishments and contributions to their communities. I am confident our TOYP honorees will inspire young people throughout the state,” said Andi Whalen, 93rd President of the Illinois Jaycees.

The awards banquet, set for April 27, 2024, will be supported by friends and employers of the honorees, local Jaycee organizations, and Illinois businesses. Locally, the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees will host a celebration event on April 18, 2024 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Shake It Up Cocktail Lounge & Eatery in Bloomington.

For additional information about the event, please visit [www.illinoisjaycees.com/toyp-2024](http://www.illinoisjaycees.com/toyp-2024).

About The Baby Fold: Since 1902, The Baby Fold has been providing life-critical services to children and families throughout Central Illinois. The Baby Fold healing-centered include foster care, adoption support, special education, autism programs, early childhood initiatives, crisis intervention, and more. The Baby Fold cares for our youngest citizens so they can be blessed with loving homes, stable lives, and the futures they deserve.

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