

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

For Families to Discuss the Impacts of Dr. van Bosse leaving Shriner's Hospitals

PRESENTED BY



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We've heard from many of you in our PWS community about the concerns regarding Dr. van Bosse leaving Shriner's Hospitals for Children. We would like to take this opportunity to have a conversation and help in any way we can. Please join PWSA | USA's CEO Paige Rivard, Family Support Director Stacy Ward, and Parent Support Coordinator Kristi Rickenbach for a discussion. We will not have specific information on Dr. van Bosse, but want to hear your particular needs, and offer assistance where we can.

REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85220446532>



Paige Rivard, MBA

Paige joined the staff of PWSA | USA in April 2020 as CEO. In this role, she is focused on engaging with families whose loved one has PWS and increasing family support services, as well as increasing advocacy and awareness of PWS throughout communities across the country. Her son, Jake, was born with two genetic disorders, PWS (UPD) and Neurofibromatosis (NF-1). As there aren't experts in both of these rare disorders, Paige and her husband Matt travel with Jake to see multiple specialists in several different states.



Stacy Ward, MS

Stacy Ward, Director of Family Support, lives in Troy, NY with her husband Jeff and their children, Jeffrey and Collin. Prior to joining the PWSA | USA staff in 2016, Stacy was the Associate Director of Residential Living for a not-for-profit in Albany, NY that specialized in supporting individuals diagnosed with PWS. Stacy has a master's degree in Psychology/Applied Behavior Analysis, and a certification in Special Education Advocacy from the William and Mary College of Law Pele Clinic.



Kristi Rickenbach

Kristi Rickenbach and her husband John ran a non-profit organization for 12 years. Kristi and John have been married for 30 years and have five amazing children and four beautiful grandbabies. Their youngest child, Justice Faith (16), was diagnosed with PWS (UPD) when she was 1 month old. Justice is currently in the 10th grade and loves helping other kids that are also dealing with PWS. Three of Kristi's passions in life are her faith, family, and helping families and children that are affected by Prader-Willi syndrome. Kristi is the President of the PWSA Minnesota chapter, a parent mentor, is the PWSA | USA General Conference Coordinator, has been on several PWSA | USA committees, was a board member at PWSA | USA and is currently the Parent Support Coordinator for PWSA | USA.