



## Announcing the Resignation of CICBVI Executive Director Michelle Shute and Subsequent Appointment to the Board of Directors

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Peoria, Illinois USA – With bittersweet emotions, the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired announces the resignation of Executive Director Michelle Shute.

Michelle has served the Center and its patrons well since joining our team in April 2016. Her 30 years of experience serving people with disabilities, compassion for our patrons and tireless energy will certainly be missed. Michelle contributed to the ongoing success of the social and cultural aspects of the Center's mission, purposefully grew our education and training programs and helped preserve the ongoing financial viability of our privately funded effort.

As sad as we are about her departure, we are delighted for Michelle and her family that she has accepted a Special Education Teaching Position at Quest Charter Academy High School, Peoria's school for math, science and technology. There is little doubt Quest's students and faculty will quickly come to appreciate Michelle as much as the Center will miss her.

Michelle's last day as Executive Director will be July 12, 2018. The Board's Human Resources Subcommittee will conduct a search for her replacement beginning immediately. While we are losing Michelle from the day-to-day role of Executive Director, we are also pleased to announce her election to our all-volunteer Board of Directors, effective August 1, 2018.

Join us in congratulating Michelle on both of her new roles and in wishing her and her family the very best.

### About the Central Illinois Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Since 1955, the CICBVI, a 501 (c) (3) organization, has been providing programs meeting the emotional, educational and social needs of the blind and visually impaired of Central Illinois. We imagine a future when the blind and visually impaired have equal opportunities to participate independently in our great community. Please visit [cicbvi.org](http://cicbvi.org) or call (309) 637-3693 to learn more, join us and/or volunteer.

Michelle Shute  
Executive Director

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