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### **OPEN ARMS ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

FINDLAY, Ohio (4/8/2010) – Ashley Ritz has been named Executive Director of Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services.

Ritz is currently serving as a Program Manager with Open Arms and has been with the agency for 4 years. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University. Ritz is currently a member of the Kiwanis Club of Findlay and Statewide Ohio Domestic Violence Network - Batterer's Intervention Program Committee. Effective May 1, 2010, Ritz will assume the responsibilities of Executive Director with the agency. Ritz will be replacing Beth Meeks, who resigned in October, 2009. Meeks left Open Arms to take on the role of Executive Director at The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Since Meeks resignation, Yvette Mains, a long-time Program Manager, has served as the Interim Executive Director.

“Ashley has a true passion for the cause and is excited about this new opportunity. The Board and I are looking forward to working with Ashley in her new role and continuing to support her and the agency in any way possible,” said Lonna Bruskotter, Open Arms Board President.

Open Arms offers six programs to families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault including: emergency shelter, visitation and exchange services, rape crisis services, batterers intervention programming, child advocacy, including prevention presentations, and legal advocacy. Open Arms 24 crisis line number 419-422-4766.

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