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**RE:** Schlater leaving post

On March 16, after twenty-seven years of service, COO Mark Schlater announced that he is leaving CRSI effective May 18.

“Obviously this was a very difficult decision for me, I have been with CRSI for twenty-seven years and basically I grew up with CRSI”, says Schlater who has accepted a position with the Council on Rural Services located in Piqua.

While a senior at Urbana College, he began his work with CRSI as a house manager at the Oakland Street location where, at the time, CRSI was providing services to eight gentlemen.

He went on to attend QMRP classes at Wright State University to insure certification requirements. This was a landmark process in Ohio and Oakland Street soon became a model home for training other providers around the State.

CEO Than Johnson also notes Schlater’s twenty-seven years by saying, “Mark has devoted twenty-seven years to the mission of CRSI and to the consumers with MR/DD served by that mission. He is the most dedicated, value-driven professional I have worked with in our field.”

Schlater adds, “I am very proud of the accomplishments that CRSI has made over the years and I am especially proud of the staff who work tirelessly each and every day to meet the daily needs of the consumers we serve. I know we have touched many, many lives over the years and have made a positive difference to many individuals.”

Schlater will serve in a consultant capacity during the transition period.