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CHRISTINA SANDSNESS HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN CLASS 28 OF THE CENTER FOR RURAL LEADERSHIP, PROJECT CENTRL

Christina Sandsness is a native Arizonan. Upon graduation, she attended Central Arizona College and the University of Arizona. The next few years were spent working for Chickasha Cotton Oil Company in the Cotton Marketing Department and later at Abbott Laboratories as an HR Assistant before deciding to stay home to raise her growing family. She spent the next 17 years as a stay at home mom, homeschooling her 4 children. Being actively involved in her community, she participated in Mi C.A.S.A. Homeschooling Support Group, C.A.T.S (Central Arizona Trap and Skeet), and Big Shots 4H Club. During her time in C.A.T.S. and Big Shots 4H, she became a leader/coach, and along with her family, raised pigs for the club's yearly fundraiser.

Christina found herself rejoining the workforce later in life, and back in the world of HR (which is her passion) and is pursuing further education. Currently, she is the Director of HR & Safety for Electrical District No. 3 in the City of Maricopa.

As an honored member of Project CENTRL – Class 28, I look forward to the experience and opportunities that I will be provided and am eager to find out how I can better serve rural Arizona, benefiting both my community and employer.

The Center for Rural Leadership, Project CENTRL, equips and empowers leaders to meet the needs of rural Arizona. Promoting healthy, vibrant and sustainable rural communities. Project CENTRL has trained over 650 Arizona leaders since 1983. Project CENTRL's impact on rural Arizona is significant and substantial as participants hold many leadership positions around the State.

Sixteen participants were competitively selected for Class 28, which held its first seminar June 7-8, 2019 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel in Chandler, Arizona. Project CENTRL Class 28 will be meeting over the next 12 months participating in nine seminars including The Fundamentals of Leadership, Effective Communication, Emerging Trends in Rural Arizona, Public Policy in Arizona, taking an International Trip to Mexico and a National Trip to Washington, D.C. and more. The program culminates with a team project and presentation entitled "Make A Difference," where class graduates address how they would help resolve and solve some of Arizona's key issues and challenges.

The Chandler seminar for Class 28 provided important opportunities for identifying a mentor for the new class member, as the venue also served as the final seminar and graduation ceremony for the outgoing Class 27 of Project CENTRL. Board members and Project CENTRL alumni from across the State celebrated the completion and accomplishments of Class 27 while welcoming the incoming Class of 28 at a festive banquet of fine food and music. Scott Koenig, MBA and alumnus of Class 21 serves at the programs fifth Executive Director based out of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension.

Project CENTRL is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to improving the development of Arizona's rural leaders and establishing a network of problem-solvers, decision makers and spokespersons for rural Arizona. Visit www.centrl.org for more information.

