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LUGINBILL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION JOINS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Eau Claire, WI, January 4, 2017– Today, the Luginbill Children's Foundation (LCF) announced that it has been inducted as the newest member of the World Association for Infant Mental Health (WAIMH).

Founded in 1980, WAIMH's mission promotes education, research, and study of the effects of mental, emotional and social development during infancy on later normal and psychopathological development. For several decades, the World Association for Infant Mental Health has been on the global front lines leading international and interdisciplinary cooperation, publications, affiliate associations, and regional and biennial congresses devoted to scientific, educational, and clinical work with infants and their caregivers and families.

As a member of WAIMH, LCF founder Joe Luginbill will attend the 16th World Congress in Rome, Italy next year.

In a statement, Luginbill wrote: "I am thrilled that our foundation is the newest member of WAIMH. This is an excellent opportunity for LCF to join in the robust advocacy already taking place on the global stage, and aid in promoting the mental wellbeing and healthy development of infants and families. The workload of WAIMH requires a global focus, but also action right here in the Midwest."

Specific to the various goals of WAIMH, LCF plans to sponsor and facilitate one conference each year to be held in the Eau Claire Area, bringing in nationally-renowned speakers and panelists regarding various topics, including:

- Infant and Youth Mental Health Advocacy **2017 – Date of Conference TBD**
- Healthy development of infants and families
- Psychopathology of infancy and toddlerhood
- Professional education and knowledge exchange

If you would like to get involved in these programs or any other work of the foundation, visit LCF on the web at luginbillchildrensfoundation.org

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