

Spina Bifida Association (SBA) Announces New Chairman of the Board

New chair Megan Sorensen has been serving the Spina Bifida community for over a decade

Arlington, VA (01/05/15) – Today, the Spina Bifida Association (SBA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the nation’s only voluntary health organization dedicated solely to Spina Bifida, announced that Megan Sorensen has been appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors. She replaces Ana Ximenes who is stepping down, having led the board for the last three years.

"I am pleased to announce and welcome long-serving board member Megan Sorensen to chair the SBA Board," said Sara Struwe, SBA President and CEO. "In addition to being a mother of a child with Spina Bifida, Megan brings extensive experience in the healthcare industry, clinical management, and years of SBA community involvement. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ana Ximenes for her significant contribution to the success of the organization as Chairman of the Board between 2011 and 2014."

Megan Sorensen joins the SBA Board of Directors as Chairman after having served the Spina Bifida community for over a decade. In 2002, Sorensen’s daughter Carly was born with Spina Bifida and she began volunteering at SBA local chapters in Nebraska and Iowa. Sorensen served the chapters for over five years where she was a member of the chapter development working to improve local and national community relations. An accredited member of the SBA community, she was elected to the national board in Cincinnati in 2010.

Sorensen is currently Clinical Manager of the Critical Care Transport Program at Children’s Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. A graduate of Creighton University School of Nursing, she worked in the emergency department at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, and in 1999, began working in the emergency department at Creighton University Medical Center. In 2006, she moved to the trauma program advancing from Trauma Outreach Coordinator to Trauma Program Manager before moving to Creighton Medical Associates to serve as the Director of Surgery. In 2010, Sorensen returned to school and received her Master’s in Healthcare Administration. In 2012 she joined the Critical Care Transport Program at Children's in Omaha. She is also faculty member and program coordinator of Creighton University’s Master in EMS Leadership Program, where she trains the next generation of emergency medical services professionals and gives back to her alma mater.

"I am honored to step into my new role as Chairman of the Board for the SBA," said Sorensen. "SBA has great things planned for 2015, fueled by a staff dedicated to providing the much needed programs and resources to enhance the lives of those affected by Spina Bifida. I look forward to continuing to serve the Spina Bifida community and contributing to the advancement of the organization."

Sorensen replaces Anna Ximenes as Chairman of the SBA Board of Directors and joins existing SBA Board members Maria Bournias, Nicole Gower, Michael Harty, David B, Joseph, Kerri McMains, David Morrissey, and Wilson Neyland.

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ABOUT THE SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1973, the Spina Bifida Association of America (SBA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves adults and children who live with Spina Bifida (SB) – a challenging birth defect. It is the nation’s only voluntary health agency that works exclusively for people with SB and their families through research, advocacy, education and service. Through its network of Chapters, SBA has a presence in more than 125 communities nationwide and touches thousands of people each year. For more information, visit <http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org> or call (800) 621-3141.