

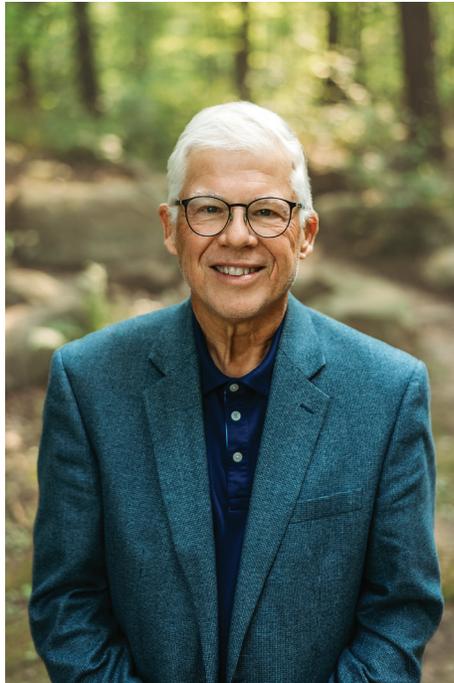
Ron Soeder named director of telos Leadership Foundation

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Ron Soeder has been named director of the telos Leadership Foundation to develop leadership development experiences for underserved youth, according to a news release.

The telos Leadership Foundation was created by Rick Simmons and Amy Simmons, founding partners of the telos institute, a global organizational development firm. The foundation aims to develop young people into emotionally and socially aware leaders, according to the release. The program's first leadership development experiences will begin in early spring.

Soeder previously served for 14 years as president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, where he helped achieve organizational growth, including doubling the number of children



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served and helping to merge with the Boys & Girls Club organization in three neighboring counties. He also spent nearly three decades as a senior executive in the consumer products industry, according to the release.

“Ron is widely respected throughout Northeast Ohio for his ability to lead successful youth programs. We at telos are thrilled to welcome him as he directs our efforts to help develop our community's next generation of leaders,” said Rick Simmons, telos institute CEO, in a provided statement. “Ron's experience with and understanding of our local organizations, schools and business leaders jump-start our efforts to provide unique leadership experiences to our youth.”

At the Boys & Girls Clubs, Soeder built partnerships with a range of organizations — including the Cleveland Municipal School District, neighborhood groups, local governments and nonprofit agencies — and will continue to work with them to encourage student participation in collaboration with the telos foundation programs, according to the release.