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**Amani Family Services announces four new board members**

*Fort Wayne, Ind.*– Amani Family Services announces the appointment of four new members to its Board of Trustees, as well as the recently elected executive officers. Joining the Amani Board of Trustees are: Zamir Borbiev, Three Rivers Federal Credit Union; Assem Nasr, IPFW; Melissa Rinehart, Kealeidoscope Diversity Solutions; and Cicely Ware, Do it Best Corp.

Executive officers of the Amani Family Services Board include Thomas Trent, president, Rothberg Logan & Warsco; Joe Doust, vice president, Lebamoff Enterprises; Angie Reeves, secretary, Steel Dynamics; and Doug Worthington, treasurer, independent accounting professional.

Returning board members include Tina Bennett, Hallmark Home Mortgage; Son Huynh, Century 21 Bradley Realty; Jane DeHaven, Summit City Chevrolet; and Mary Tyndall, City of Fort Wayne.

“All four of our newest Board members embody the spirit of community and bring talent, expertise and energy to the table. We are very fortunate to have them by our side as we continue to grow as an agency,” said Irene Paxia, Executive Director.

**About the New Board Members**

Zamir Borbiev is a Kyrgyzstan native and Finance Specialist at Three Rivers Federal Credit Union. Zamir held positions of leadership in both the profit and non-profit sectors in his country where he was the founding Director of the Information Center of Democracy.

Assem Nasr is a native of Lebanon and Assistant Professor of Communication at IPFW. His native language is Arabic and he serves on multiple local committees, including the Fort Wayne Arab Fest and Fort Wayne for Syrian Refugees.

Melissa Rinehart is the President of Kaleidoscope Diversity Solutions, Inc. and holds her PhD and master’s degree in Cultural Anthropology. She has spent the past twenty years working as academic professor at several universities and is one of the founding chairs of Welcoming Fort Wayne.

Cicely Ware has worked for Do It Best Corp. for 20 years in the Sales and Business Department. She has a degree in marketing and is a volunteer trainer for Fort Wayne’s Smallest Winner.

**About Amani Family Services**

**Amani Family Services is a private nonprofit organization serving more than 500 families and individuals from around the world who have made Allen County their home.**Amani partners with immigrant and refugee families and the community to promote safety, encourage personal growth, and foster a spirit of belonging. For more information visit [www.amanifamilyservices.org](http://www.amanifamilyservices.org).

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