## YOICE for Children 2025 VOICE for Children Vision Award Recipient

Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
Receiving on behalf of Schuylkill Chamber,
Robert s. Carl Jr., President and CEO
Samantha M. Chivinski, Executive Vice President

The Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting its member organizations and promoting economic growth in Schuylkill County. By offering resources, advocacy, and networking opportunities, we support businesses and nonprofits. By collaborating with key partners and advocating for the needs of our community, the Chamber plays an active role in enhancing life and driving economic progress in Schuylkill County.

Through partnerships with local chambers across Pennsylvania, as well as organizations like ReadyNation, we have focused efforts on addressing the child care workforce crisis. Our work has centered around securing funding for a teacher recruitment and retention program aimed at supporting early child care



educators. This initiative is crucial to ensuring the continued availability of quality child care, which is vital for children, families, and employers.

Work done by our competent and dedicated Chamber staff, supported by our Chamber Board of Directors and active chamber committees has resulted in recognition by the PA Association of Chamber Professionals (PACP) as the honored chamber recipient of the "2022 PACP Chamber of the Year" and the "2024 PACP Chamber of the Year" in the category of 700 members and above. We also want to specifically thank the work of our Government Affairs Committee and their leadership in supporting child care advocacy as a very critical committee advocacy agenda objective.

