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**CHARLOTTE BRANTLEY, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF CLAYTON EARLY LEARNING,
ANNOUNCES UPCOMING RETIREMENT**

Brantley will retire in 2019 following 13 years of distinguished leadership.

Denver, CO – Charlotte Brantley, the president and CEO of Clayton Early Learning, announced today that she will retire in 2019, following 13 years with the organization. Brantley will remain in place while the Clayton Board of Trustees conducts a national search for her successor.

Brantley is a nationally recognized leader in the field of early childhood education, honing her expertise over a distinguished 40-year career. Fueled by a genuine passion for the well being of young children, Brantley drove a long-range vision to position Clayton Early Learning as a statewide nucleus with national influence for all aspects of early childhood education. The organization currently impacts the school readiness of more than 20,000 children in Colorado each year through a wide range of services to children and families, research and evaluation, results-driven teacher training, and focused advocacy.

“As difficult as it will be to say goodbye to Clayton, I am ready to take a step back and focus on the next chapter of my life,” Brantley said. “I truly love Clayton – the children and families, our incredibly talented and dedicated team, and every inch of this beautiful, historic campus. Having had the privilege to lead Clayton Early Learning has been the greatest honor of my career and I look forward to a bright future for the organization.”

Along with its prominence in the early childhood community, Brantley’s executive leadership has also maintained Clayton Early Learning as a fiscally stable not-for-profit business organization. The George W. Clayton Trust, as well as multiple public and private funding streams supports the institution.

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The Clayton Board of Trustees has retained the search firm of DHR International to conduct an extensive national search for a non-profit executive to fill the vacancy. A completion date for the transition is undetermined at this time.

“Charlotte Brantley brought an unparalleled level of talent and commitment to Clayton Early Learning, and we are deeply grateful,” said Jason Romero, vice president of JP Morgan Chase Bank, and Chairman of the Clayton Board of Trustees. “Charlotte’s vision and dedication has made a profound impact on our organization, and in fact, on the lives of thousands of children in Colorado. While she will be greatly missed, we are fortunate to be well-positioned moving Clayton forward.”

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About Clayton Early Learning

Clayton Early Learning, a 501(c)(3), is Colorado’s leading catalyst in providing early care and education to ensure optimal development for all children, especially those of limited opportunities. We harness the synergy of four dynamic initiatives – classroom and family-centered practices in our school, research and program evaluation, professional development of teachers and leaders, and effective policy advocacy – to spark improved early care and education approaches statewide in collaboration with other public and private entities. Visit www.claytonearlylearning.org for more information.