



News Release

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Executive Director Selected for Highland Shores

August 24, 2023 – Anne-Marie Burrus, Chair of the Board of Directors of Highland Shores Children's Aid (HSCA), is pleased to announce that after an extensive process led by a committee of the Board, a new Executive Director has been chosen to lead the Society. Jess Uddenberg, who was most recently in the role of Director of Corporate Services at HSCA, will assume the position September 11, 2023.

"The Hiring Committee conducted multiple interviews with a number of candidates, and unanimously agreed to recommend that the Board hire Jess as the new Executive Director for Highland Shores. The committee was impressed with his initiatives as a senior leader and his passion and commitment to our values and are confident he will successfully lead the Society forward with its renewed strategic directions", said Board Chair, Anne-Marie Burrus.

Jess has been with the Society since 2007. He has held the positions of Child Protection Worker, Supervisor, Manager, Director of Service, and more recently, Director of Corporate Services. Jess holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology, and a Social Service Worker diploma.

"Jess is a strong, well-respected leader at the Society. He has a clear vision for the work at Highland Shores and will bring many positive attributes to the role", said departing Executive Director, Tami Callahan.

"I am so honored to be moving into the Executive Director position at Highland Shores. I am energized by the opportunity to lead the agency as we continue to rise to the challenge that each new year brings, while finding innovative ways to serve our communities. I would like to thank the Board for their confidence, Tami for her amazing leadership during her time as the Executive Director, and the entire team at Highland Shores for their continued dedication to child protection", commented Jess Uddenberg.

"The Board also wishes to formally acknowledge the significant contributions of Tami Callahan, who tendered her resignation from the role of Executive Director last fall. Most notably, she led the Society through an unprecedented time in history these past few years, but of equal importance, she never wavered in her advocacy for children and youth in our communities", said Anne-Marie Burrus.

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