



PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS

THE RALEIGH/WAKE PARTNERSHIP TO END AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO LEAD WAKE COUNTY NONPROFIT

Pursuing safe and affordable housing for every Wake County resident

RALEIGH, N.C., February 14, 2020 — The Raleigh/Wake Partnership to End Homelessness announced Kimberly Crawford as the organization's Executive Director to lead the Partnership's mission to prevent and end homelessness.

Crawford's 15-year leadership experience in serving the homeless showcased her skills as a respected, influential leader and a persuasive, passionate communicator. She succeeds Interim Executive Director, Chris Estes, who held the position for seven months.

"Kim's leadership will propel us into a new chapter of the Partnership's work to leverage the collective impact of our community resources aimed at ending homelessness," said David Smoot, Chair of the Board of Directors with the Raleigh/Wake Partnership to End Homelessness. "Kim's extensive background with community groups, service agencies, and governmental entities is a perfect fit with the Partnership's needs at this time. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Chris Estes for adeptly serving as Interim Executive Director and Staci Barfield, of the nonprofit consulting and recruitment firm Armstrong McGuire, for leading this search process."

In Crawford's most recent role as the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Administrator for the North Carolina ESG Federal Grant Funding Program, she managed the \$5 million North

Carolina ESG funding and program portfolio. She served as Executive Director for Allied Churches for Alamance County, a Burlington, N.C. nonprofit organization providing shelter, food, and housing services support for homeless families and individuals in Alamance County. She also spent several years as Executive Director for Life House, Inc., in Duluth, Minn.; a nonprofit organization that serves at-risk, homeless youth between the ages of 14 and 20.

"I'm excited by the opportunity to work with The Raleigh/Wake Partnership to End Homelessness," said Crawford. "Like the Partnership, I have a passion for helping those experiencing housing insecurities find a better life. I look forward to leading the organization's reach further into the community to assist more people in crisis and hopefully break the cycle of poverty and homelessness."

In addition, she served on or chaired several North Carolina Committees to end homelessness, including the Coordinated Assessment Governance Committee, NC Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Governance Committee, and the Balance of State Steering Committee.

Crawford will begin her new position on March 9, 2020. She may be reached at execdir@endhomelessnesswake.org.

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About The Raleigh/Wake Partnership to End Homelessness

As a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, the Partnership serves as Wake County's Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency that seeks to prevent and end homelessness by connecting and empowering local service providers who help the homeless. The organization's mission is to leverage the power of community to address systemic causes of homelessness through coordinated response, education, data, and advocacy. The Partnership serves local organizations and agencies utilizing the Coordinated Entry system and HMIS administration to link homeless clients to all of the services within Wake County.

Together, with close to 30 active partner agencies, the Partnership works to address the root causes of homelessness. The organization also provides training, technical assistance, data, evaluation, outreach and advocacy, and systems-level intervention development. Through collaborative partnerships among nonprofit and government agencies, faith-based institutions,

businesses, civic and professional organizations, public officials, and service providers, the Partnership's vision is for every Wake County resident to have safe and affordable housing.