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### An Announcement from our Board President Council for Children's Rights [info@cfcrights.org]

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Dear Steve Johnston,

I am writing to share a couple updates concerning our leadership transition.

First, I have exciting news to share: beginning October 31, 2019 Heather Johnson will serve as Council for Children's Rights' interim executive director.

Chances are you know of or you've met Heather, as she is no stranger to Council for Children's Rights. Prior to joining Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center as chief operating officer, Heather worked on the Council's Individual Advocacy Team for seven years.

If you haven't met Heather, she will bring legal expertise, leadership strength, and, of course, a passion for the rights of children as interim executive director. She has extensive experience working with children who have been abused and neglected, children who have been trafficked, children with disabilities and special education needs, and children with persistent and severe mental health issues. Prior to working at Council for Children's Rights, Heather worked at Nexsen Pruet on the commercial real estate and financing team.

In addition to naming an interim leader, the Board of Directors of Council for Children's Rights has begun a comprehensive search for a permanent executive director. I'm pleased to share that board member Deb Hanna will serve as chair of the Search Committee. Please join me in thanking Deb for her willingness to donate her time and talents to lead this important undertaking.

Now, allow me to thank YOU. Why you ask? It's because, first and foremost, your commitment is to children. And, for that alone you inspire me and give me hope. Thank you for your support – none of this life-changing work can happen without friends like you.

With gratitude,

Leslie Schlernitzauer  
President  
Board of Directors

*P.S. I hope I'll see you on December 2, 2019 at our first Children's Rights Forum – An Evening with Van Jones. To purchase tickets, please visit [blumenthalarts.org](http://blumenthalarts.org).*

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