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## Executive Director Announcement

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**To:** [Steve Johnston](#)



Dear Steve Johnston,

Because you are a valued supporter of Council for Children's Rights, we want to share some exciting news with you. **On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that Heather Johnson has been named Executive Director of Council for Children's Rights effectively immediately.**

After a thoughtful and thorough search, Heather's passion for children and the work of the Council combined with her deep and broad knowledge of the juvenile legal system and her strong relationships with community partners resulted in her rising to the top of a very competitive process.

During her three month tenure as Interim Director, Heather proved herself to be an inspirational leader with a clear vision as well as demonstrated the courage to question and implement changes to enhance the Council's effectiveness. Heather's commitment to the mission and to the compassionate and competent professionals who carry out the work is palpable.

Prior to serving as Interim Director, Heather was Chief Operating Officer of Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center. From 2011 – 2018, she served as staff attorney, mental health social worker, and Director of Individual Advocacy with Council for Children's Rights. Heather has a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and a Master of Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Many of you already know Heather and understand why we are so excited about this appointment. For those of you that may not know her, we hope you can meet her at the upcoming A Night for Children's Rights on March 5th.

We look forward to an exciting future under Heather's capable, creative, and visionary leadership. Please join us in welcoming Heather, and thank you again for your continued support.

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Very Sincerely,



Leslie Schlernitzauer  
President, Board of Directors  
Council for Children's Rights

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