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Kindred Announces Executive Leadership Change

It is with a deep sense of pride and excitement for the future for both Jessica and Kindred that I announce the departure of Kindred's CEO Jessica Cope Williams, and the immediate appointment of Kindred's Chief Program Officer, Melanie Grylls, as Acting CEO in her stead.

Along with my colleagues on the Board, I'd like to sincerely thank Jessica for her 18 years of devoted service to Kindred; she has our full support in her new role with the Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF). The CHF will find in Jessica what Kindred already knows: she is a dedicated steward of socially focused programs, and she will be an asset in the fight against homelessness.



From left to right are Jessica Cope Williams and Acting CEO Melanie Grylls

In facilitation of the leadership transition at Kindred, the Board has appointed Jessica as an Executive Advisor, and extends our appreciation to the Calgary Homeless Foundation and Jessica for their flexibility in accommodating Kindred's transition plans.

The Kindred Board recognizes our important role in governing the organization, especially through times of change. In executing our priority of minimizing disruption to Kindred's important work in our city, we've appointed Melanie Grylls, a highly skilled and experienced leader, as Kindred's Acting CEO, while we chart our long-term leadership strategy over the coming months.

We are inspired by Melanie's commitment to the people served by Kindred, as she has overseen the development and expansion of key collaborations embedding Kindred's programming and impact within the community.

Kindred's purpose is to realize the power of human connection: the Kindred Board intends to put connection at the centre of this transition. Our commitment is to continue to inform all who are connected to Kindred about important developments through the transition period. We recognize that connection is central to resiliency, and we celebrate and appreciate the many connections that make Kindred a thriving and effective organization.

Denise Hughes
Kindred Board Chair