



Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton Announces New Executive Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (CCASH) I am pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Zan as Executive Director effective July 18, 2022. Donna will succeed Rocco Gizzarelli who is retiring and who has served as Executive Director for the past 7 years.

Donna has been an employee of CCASH for the past 30 years and has held positions of Child Protection Worker, Service Supervisor, Manager of Quality Assurance and since 2015 as Director of Child Welfare Services. Donna has been a strong and compassionate leader throughout her time with CCASH. She was instrumental in the implementation of CCASH's community-based model of service delivery, the development of the agency's first Balanced Scorecard and the quality assurance program and is the lead for the community youth housing project. She values collaboration with community partners in the delivery of services.

A native of Hamilton, Donna holds a Master of Social Work degree from University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Social Work from McMaster University. She has also completed the Public Sector Leadership Certificate from the Rotman School of Management.

Donna is a dedicated social worker who brings years of experience and knowledge to the role of Executive Director. Donna is committed to advancing the equity priority areas within the organization and continuing to address the disproportionality in the number of children and youth in care who are Indigenous, Black and from equity seeking groups. She is committed to our faith-based practice, ensuring the children, youth and families we serve will continue to receive the highest quality of evidence-based services we can offer, and to the Society continuing on the path set out in the organization's Strategic Plan fulfilling our Vision of: *Child and Youth Safety, Well-being and Resilience, Thriving Families and Community Partners Working Together.*

Please join me in congratulating Donna on her appointment.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Hennick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Hennick
Board Chair, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton