



Important Update: Leadership Change

Dear Friends of the ASK Friendship Society,

I am sharing the news of a leadership change impacting the ASK Friendship Society and The Dogwood Adult Day Program Centre. After eight years of service our Executive Director, Kara Turner, has made the difficult decision to make a change and leave the organization.

Kara joined ASK in 2015, when we were located at the old George Pearson site, and facilitated our transition to the Kerrisdale Centre, and finally to our permanent location at the Dogwood Care Home. Kara led our team during the difficult periods of change of the COVID-19 pandemic and has been a passionate and compassionate leader for our staff, clients, and families. Kara will transition out of the Executive Director position on May 31st, 2024, but will continue to support ASK on a part time basis until July. We thank Kara for her service to our community and wish her well in her next steps.

We understand the pivotal role our friends and donors play in supporting our mission, and we want to assure you that this transition will not impact our commitment to serving our community with excellence and compassion. While we begin the process of finding a new Executive Director, our dedicated team will continue to work tirelessly to uphold the high standards of care and service that you have come to expect from us.

Your ongoing support has been instrumental in our ability to provide essential services to those in need, and we are incredibly grateful for your unwavering dedication to our cause. We recognize the importance of transparency and will keep you informed of any developments throughout this transition period. Thank you for your continued support and belief in the mission of ASK Friendship Society and the Dogwood Adult Day Program Care Centre. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Your input and feedback are invaluable to us as we navigate this transition and work towards a smooth succession process.

Warm Regards,

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