

### **The Child Witness Centre Welcomes Kim Rodrigues as New Executive Director**

**KITCHENER** – The Child Witness Centre’s Board of Directors is excited to announce that Kim Rodrigues will be joining the agency as Executive Director, effective May 25, 2021.

“I am truly honoured to be joining the Child Witness Centre as the Executive Director this May,” said Rodrigues. “I have dedicated my career to helping those who are most vulnerable in our community to have a voice and build their capacity for resilience. Together with the committed and caring team of the Child Witness Centre I will be championing our important work to support, educate and advocate for children and youth who are or may become victims or witnesses of abuse or crime, enabling them to build bright futures.”

Following a comprehensive selection process, the Board of Directors is confident that Rodrigues brings the perfect combination of experience and passion to move forward an updated strategic plan, building upon the agency’s programming for young victims and witnesses of crime and abuse, as well as expanding our overall footprint in the community. Kim comes to us from Hopewell Children’s Homes in Guelph, where she also served as Executive Director. In that role, she guided the organization through the expansion of its programs and partnerships, also bringing in new efficiencies to support the infrastructure of the agency. Notably, Kim has a background as a case resource worker and advocate for families and is a dedicated parent to two wonderful children.

“We are very thrilled to have Kim join us as she demonstrates the collaborative and relationship building skills that are critical to our partnerships,” added Bernadette Behm, Board Chair. “We are excited for what the future holds under Kim’s leadership and we look forward to working with her.”

As Rodrigues moves into her role as Executive Director, the entire Child Witness Centre team would like to express our utmost gratitude for the hard work and dedication of David Morneau. David assumed the Executive Director role in January 2020 following a long, successful career in family law. Over the past year-plus, he has led the agency with courage and compassion, stewarding the organization through the rough waters of the pandemic while always putting the support and advocacy for our young clients and their families first. We wish him all the best as he takes a step back to spend much-deserved time with his family!

#### **About the Child Witness Centre**

Established in 1981, the mission of the Child Witness Centre is to provide support, education and advocacy for children and youth under the age of 18 in Waterloo Region, Guelph and Wellington County who are or may become victims or witnesses of abuse or crime. Comprising the agency is a team of caring, compassionate professionals who walk with children, youth, and their families on their journey through the criminal justice process, helping them have a voice and fostering healing, hope and wellbeing.

You can learn more about the Child Witness Centre by visiting the agency’s website at: [www.childwitness.com](http://www.childwitness.com).

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