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### **Kelly Murphy joins SevenDays® as its Executive Director**

SevenDays® is thrilled to announce that Kelly Murphy has joined the nonprofit organization as its new executive director. Murphy will oversee SevenDays®, providing strategic, operational, and fundraising leadership to advance the organization's mission.

Now in its second decade, SevenDays® is a Kansas City-based nonprofit dedicated to combating hate by promoting kindness and understanding through education and dialogue. SevenDays® was founded after a White Supremacist murdered William Corporon, MD, , his grandson Reat Underwood, and Teresa LaManno outside Jewish facilities in Overland Park in 2014. This tragedy shocked the community, and the family and friends of the victims were committed to ensuring that love, not hate, would be their lasting legacy. Reat's mother and Dr. Corporon's daughter, Mindy Corporon, is a co-founder.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kelly as Executive Director," Corporon said. "Kelly will help lead us to the next level in our kindness efforts. Her experience, passion for community service, and commitment to our mission will help us continue our important work of spreading kindness."

"The board looks forward to working with her as we move forward into our second decade of overcoming hate through kindness opportunities," said Alana Muller, SevenDays® Board President.

"I am honored to be selected as executive director at SevenDays®," Murphy said. "I look forward to working with the amazing team, board, volunteers, and supporters to build on the success and recognition that SevenDays has achieved since its founding in 2014. I am excited about the opportunity to build and offer programs that have wide-reaching impact and reach as they ripple through individuals, communities, and the world at large," she said.

Murphy brings an extensive background in human resources to SevenDays®, building successful teams at the highest levels. Recently, Murphy served as Chief Human Resources Officer for Swope Health. Previously, Murphy was Senior HR Director at Evergy, Inc., leading a 40-member team in implementing innovative HR programs.

In addition to her professional work experience, Murphy has given her time and talent to numerous nonprofit organizations, gaining valuable experience that she brings to her new role at SevenDays®.

Murphy has been a dedicated volunteer for several nonprofit organizations. Among those she has been involved with, she has served as board chair for Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey and has been on the advisory boards of Health Forward's Diverse Health Sciences Pathways Initiative and the Great Jobs KC Healthcare Advisory Committee. Murphy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bucknell University. Murphy has lent her talents to other organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, the Women's Employment Network, the University of Missouri-Kansas City Bloch School of Management, and the Central Exchange. Additionally, she is an active member and serves on various committees at Resurrection – A United Methodist Church.

Murphy has been recognized for her efforts, including being selected for the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City's Kansas City Tomorrow Program, the FBI Citizens' Academy, and being named as a Woman of Achievement by the Evergy Women's Business Resource Group.

Promoting kindness is a key component of SevenDays® work. Murphy looks forward to leading the nonprofit and the important work it accomplishes, especially working with youth, which is a primary focus of SevenDays®.

"Young people are the leaders of the future. They are at a key age to identify their own value structure and what they can offer the world," Murphy said. "There is so much goodness in youth that they can cultivate and share. Offering youth programs provides participants with channels to further develop their unique skills and kindness capabilities. Participants can also build a lasting and positive network of kindness champions and mentors," she said.

Kindness is all about connection and how we treat one another," Murphy said. "There is an element of grace in kindness, as it can be extended when it is not anticipated or expected. Even a small or simple gesture can brighten another's day or lift another's spirits. We can uplift others and create positive ripples by sharing kindness through our words and actions," Murphy said.

For more information about SevenDays® and how you can spread the ripple of kindness to change the world, please visit [www.SevenDays.org](http://www.SevenDays.org).

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