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Westerville Area Resource Ministry

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WARM Announces Stephanie Robinson as New Executive Director



The Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM) Board of Trustees announces Stephanie B. Robinson as the organization's new Executive Director. Ms. Robinson will assume this role on May 2, 2022.

Stephanie states, "I'm excited by the opportunity and privilege to join WARM in its next phase of growth. I look forward to hearing the thoughts, perspectives and ideas of our employees, our stakeholders and the community partners we serve as we chart our next chapter. By focusing on those whom we are called to serve, I know there are even greater levels of success we can reach to help even more people in need in the future."

"We fondly welcome Stephanie Robinson's leadership to continue the soul of WARM's ministry for years to come," said WARM Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Heyeck. "We received over 100 applicants and employed a diligent and comprehensive review process. The board is very pleased with the outcome. Stephanie is committed to working with WARM employees and volunteers as a team in helping the 'whole person' in WARM's mission to sustain lives in need."

Stephanie Robinson is a proven and committed leader in public service. As a Workforce Development and Career Services practitioner, she achieved results in strategic alignment and leadership development. Ms. Robinson has impacted lives as a Career Coach, Employer Relations Specialist, Associate Director of Business Solutions and Workforce Development Director. She specializes in policy, programs and performance. Her passion is to strengthen community partnerships, enhance workforce service offerings and assist the hardest to employ to obtain and sustain employment.

A former National Urban League Emerging Leaders Fellow, she actively serves as a mentor in the national leadership development academy. Stephanie's current

civic involvement includes serving as a board member on Franklin County Reentry Coalition, SCORE Ohio, Equity Now Coalition and Columbus Humane. She is a proud graduate of Ohio Dominican University and University of Phoenix, earning a Master of Business Administration and Graduate Certification in Human Resources Management.

Earlier, Scott Marier, WARM Executive Director for over 17 years, announced his retirement effective September 30, 2022. In the interim, Scott will fulfill the role as Executive Director Emeritus assisting the transition.

About Westerville Area Resource Ministry

WARM celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Mark your calendars for a special event planned for July 15, 2022 at the Renaissance Hotel in Westerville. WARM's origin can be traced back to *Paul's Pantry*, a food pantry established at St. Paul Catholic Church in the 1970s. Today, WARM is a faith-based, non-profit charity serving the residents of the 52-square-mile Westerville School District.

WARM's stated mission is "to provide compassionate short-term assistance, educational services and spiritual support in order to encourage individuals to achieve a God-reliant, self-sufficient life, while restoring dignity and hope with a 'hand up, not a hand out.'"

Incorporated in 2001 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, WARM addresses the basic human needs of unemployed and underemployed residents of the Westerville Ohio School District. WARM is a USDA-approved food provider, serving a target population of families that live at or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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