



Daybreak Board of Trustees Appoints Alisha Murray as Chief Executive Officer

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Daybreak Board of Trustees named Murray as Chief Executive Officer.

Murray brings deep understanding of and passion for complexities of serving homeless youth. Organization is seeing increased demand for its services as the impact of COVID-19 continues.



From left to right: Paul Jones, chair of the Daybreak Search Committee, and Alisha Murray, Daybreak CEO.

DAYTON, Ohio (February 27, 2023) – The Daybreak Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Alisha Murray as Chief Executive Officer. She will assume day-to-day leadership of the organization, effective immediately.

Her appointment comes after an extensive regional and State-wide selection process by the Board.

“The primary consideration of the Board in selecting the new CEO was the youth we serve. We were fully committed to finding a leader who understood the complex needs of homeless youth and the dynamics of homelessness,” Paul Jones, Chair of the Search Committee, says. “Alisha made a lasting impression on

the Board with her passion for serving Daybreak youth, her deep understanding of the human services network, and her experience leading teams and designing a continuum of care. She has made a tremendous impact during her 13 years at Daybreak to date, and we have no doubt she will continue this momentum as our new CEO.”

Murray brings over 20 years of experience in both direct care and supervision of direct care. She is a leader in therapeutic direct care for homeless youth, having served as associate clinical director and housing manager at Daybreak for 11 years and as Chief Program Officer since 2020, leading the organization through the delivery of services amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. She is a licensed social worker (MSW) with an additional Master’s Degree in Applied Behavioral Science and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

“I’m truly honored to serve in this new role,” Murray says. “Every employee at Daybreak puts their heart and soul into helping homeless youth find a path of hope. There is no end to how

much we care about our youth and I'm excited to continue and expand the great work the entire Dayton community does to care for those in need.”

About Daybreak

Founded in 1975, Daybreak is the sole provider of services for homeless and at-risk youth, age 10-24 in the Miami Valley. Close to 800 youth a year are served in the following ways: 1) a 24-bed emergency shelter open 24/7 to provide shelter, food, clothing, and stability for 10- to 21-year-old youth in crisis; 2) a transitional housing program that includes household budget education, a mix of 67 apartments on Daybreak's campus and in the larger community; 3) mental health services; 4) employment services that help youth develop the skills and resources needed to secure and maintain employment, pursue an education or earn trade credentials; 5) a drop-in center day shelter for youth living on the streets where youth can spend the day getting connected to Daybreak services, eating a hot meal, taking a shower, and talking with a supportive adult; 6) David's Place drop-in center for LGBTQ vulnerable and homeless youth, a group that comprises 40% of the homeless youth population.

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