

Homeward Bound appoints Whitney Silence as Chief Executive Officer

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On August 21, Homeward Bound announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Whitney Silence as acting Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. The decision spawned from a desire to pivot the organization's direction in following community needs.

Silence previously held the position of Chief Operating Officer with Homeward Bound. "During this time of community transformation, our organization is excited to welcome a visionary leader," said Julie Friedly, Homeward Bound's Board of Directors Chairwoman. "I believe Whitney will inspire others and utilize her vast skill set to take us to the next level." Silence is no stranger to nonprofit. Having worked in the nonprofit and community space for more than 11 years, she joined Homeward Bound in 2014 with a vast knowledge of fundraising, business operations, program building, and management.

In her time with the organization, she's most notably diversified funding, created meaningful partnerships, and implemented system efficiencies. Under her direction, Homeward Bound has shifted and expanded its programs to be more inclusive to all versions of the word family.

"Homeward Bound is one of those rare organizations that have the power to break the cycle of poverty. I am incredibly honored to have been chosen to lead the charge," said Whitney Silence. "The opportunities ahead for this organization excite me, and I know this is the team for the job. We will be innovative; we will be progressive, and we will continue to lift our community. I truly believe in a Valley where every family has a home!" Founded in 1990, Homeward Bound creates pathways out of poverty for homeless families.

The organization is a local leader in targeting the root causes of homelessness to break the cycle of poverty. They serve more than 500 homeless individuals annually through housing, food & clothing, financial literacy, relationship building, youth programs, and more. For more information, visit www.homewardboundaz.org.