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RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear CLYS Partners and Colleagues,

The board of directors of Community Living York South (CLYS) would like to announce the retirement of Don Wilkinson. Don has been with CLYS for 45 years, twenty of them as the Executive Director.

The board is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandra Caravan as the association's new Executive Director effective July 1, 2020. Sandra has worked with the association for the past three years as Director of Operations. She came to the association with over 20 years of experience in the developmental services and mental health fields where she held a number of senior management positions with agencies in Ontario and Alberta.

Since joining CLYS, she has developed strong working relationships with partner agencies, ministry representatives and the association's staff. Sandra was the lead staff in the creation of the association's most recent strategic plan and led the association in achieving their second accreditation. Sandra brings the skill set needed to lead the association into the future while maintaining its reputation as a heart-centered organization whose commitment to the people and families served remains the focus of the association's work.

The board has worked with Don and Sandra over the past six months to ensure a smooth transition. The highlight of the transition was to be the association's annual BBQ, which attracts more than three hundred people. COVID-19, however, has meant a virtual transition and a delay in the BBQ.

Please join us in welcoming Sandra Caravan. We're honoured to have Sandra as the new Executive Director of Community Living York South.

Cherryl Berliner, President
Community Living York South

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to live, learn, work, and participate in their community.*

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avec des moyens de vivre, d'apprendre, de travailler et de participer à leur communauté.*

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