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Ruth Woosley to Retire from The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville

After 23 years of service, Ruth Woosley, Executive Director is retiring in November 2018, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, caring, and commitment to our community.

Ruth began her career with the ministry as the Office Administrator and was promoted to Director of Development under the leadership of Heather Camp. She assumed the Executive Director duties in 2008. Throughout her tenure, the services, volunteers, and service recipients have increased tremendously as our community has grown. Her creative ability to lead our Board of Directors, unite our community, inspire volunteers, and serve area adults who are aging or with disabilities has been the source of her success, and will forever be a hallmark for others to aspire to achieve.



We thank Ruth for her compassionate dedication to The Shepherd's Center ministry and wish her the best in the future.

Anita McNeill Named Executive Director



We are pleased to announce Anita McNeill has joined The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville as the Executive Director.

A graduate of Western Carolina University, Anita has spent her career until now Mostly in administrative and financial positions throughout the Piedmont and southern United States. She has past nonprofit experience with the Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, the Salvation Army of Macon, Georgia, and as a past board member and Treasurer of The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville.

Anita combines creativity and organizational skills with a caring, nurturing personality dedicated to helping others. In her new role, she is excited about continuing the mission of The Shepherd's Center ministry and the opportunity to work with the many volunteers and service recipients in our community.

During the next month, Anita will work closely with Ruth Woosley, retiring Executive Director; Lisa Miller, Senior Center Director; all other staff members; and the Board of Directors to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

ANITA'S ADDRESS

I am proud and honored to step into the role of Executive Director of The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville, following the tremendous legacy left by leaders Heather Camp and Ruth Woosley. Having previously served as Treasurer for the Board of Directors of this ministry, I have maintained a special place in my heart for the work of our many volunteers and service recipients.

Throughout my life and career, I have seen crises create seemingly insurmountable obstacles that challenged my strength. Through each situation I have faced, I learned that the blessing of faith, family, friendship, and a strong, supportive community are the foundation for all of us to live our most fulfilling life. I feel each step along my life's journey has made me a better leader, and a more compassionate listener, a patient, loving caregiver; all leading me to this tremendous opportunity.

I am thrilled to join the dedicated team of this ministry and will focus on contributing all of my creativity, knowledge, passion, and heart to serve it's mission. Thank you so much for trusting me in this position. I look forward to meeting and working with each and every one of you.

Anita McNeill

"Serving others prepares you for leading."

-Jim George



ABOUT ANITA

"We are blessed to have Anita step into the Executive Director position. Her work experience and past service to The Shepherd's Center makes her a valuable addition to our team." - Jerry Medford

"Having known Anita for many years, I am thrilled that her life's journey has led her back to The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville. She will be a tremendous asset as this ministry embarks on a bright and exciting new chapter." - Ruth

Woosley

"I am very excited, and look forward to working with Anita. She was a wonderful asset for The Shepherd's Center when she served on our board and she is going to be a wonderful asset now and as we move forward in the future." - Lisa Miller

"Although it is hard to see Ruth retire from The Shepherd's Center, Anita McNeill is the perfect person to step into her shoes. Anita comes to us with confidence, energy, and a wealth of knowledge and experience. The staff at The Shepherd's Center is like a family—working together and supporting each other. Anita fits right in. This change in leadership promises to be a smooth transition." - Lynne Garms



Ruth's contributions to this organization are innumerable. Its direction, growth, and stability under her leadership are evident. Not only has she led us well, but has done so with grace and charm. No one I know has a bigger heart for The Shepherd's Center's mission than our own Ruth. So from the bottom of our heart, we love you and thank you for all of your years of service and ministry"
-Jerry Medford, Board President

"Ruth has been the heart and soul of The Shepherd's Center. She has always been there to cheer and guide the staff, the volunteers and the board and make what is so wonderful about The Shepherd's Center belong to all of us. Her leadership, love, and kindness will truly be missed!" - Linda Cappel, Board Member

I have really enjoyed working with Ruth for the past several years. Ruth has made my job as Treasurer much easier. Thanks for all you have done for The Shepherd's Center and I hope you enjoy the next chapter of your life."
- Kim Scott, Board Treasurer



"Ruth and I started our terms together. It was my first tenure as Board President when Ruth became Executive Director. We came in together as rookies and we made a great team; learning together!"
-Mark Frasier, Past Board President

"Ruth is just so genuine, so personable, so positive! Ruth always made me just feel better about everything!" - John Stone, Served as Volunteer and Member of the Board

REMEMBERING RUTH

"Ruth is the most talented, genuine, sincere, kindest, sweetest person ever with big shoes to fill and she will be truly missed! A real blessing to all!" -Teresa Wood, Former Board Member

"Ruth has done an admirable job as she lead our transition from prior leadership. To follow such a strong leader as Heather Camp and succeed in the objectives for the community speaks volumes to how lucky The Shepherd's Center was to have Ruth as a leader. Thank you Ruth!"
-Danny Jefferson, Former Board Member

"Ruth is compassionate, kind, and has a sly sense of humor. Her dedication and devotion to the mission of The Shepherd's Center has been the rock solid foundation that has led its' expansion and success. Because of Ruth, so many people have been blessed through volunteer services and acts of kindness." - Beth Pierce, Past Board President

"I've worked with Ruth on the auction for many years. She has always been a reliable, creative resource. She will be missed. Best of luck to you Ruth!"
- Emily Andrews, Auction Committee Member

"It has been a pleasure, joy and honor to work with Ruth for 19 years, first as a volunteer and then as a co-worker. The love and compassion she has for older adults, and her commitment to providing excellent services and programs for our community is inspiring. I have learned so much from her. I am blessed to call her friend and am thrilled for her to be a le to explore this next chapter in her life." -Lisa Miller, Senior Enrichment Center Director





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