



RMHO Chief Executive Officer Announcement

The ad hoc Search Committee of the Board of Directors of Manoir Ronald McDonald House Ottawa has completed an extensive search process and are pleased to announce that Ms. Christine Hardy will become our new Chief Executive Officer, effective October 22, 2018.

Born and raised in Montréal, early in her professional career Christine worked in administration for the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. She then worked at the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation for 6 years in various progressively responsible roles in fundraising leadership. Christine then moved to Calgary and worked at the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation for 9+ years, ultimately as the Senior Director of Development. Over a span of 5 years, Christine's team's annual fundraising revenues grew from \$9 million to \$29 million from a wide variety of philanthropic sources, in partnership and close association with the Alberta Children's Hospital. In 2017, Christine and her family moved to Ottawa, and she assumed the role of Chief Development Officer at the Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health.

Christine attended Concordia University, and graduated with a B.A., specialization in Human Environment Relations, and additionally received a Certificate in Public Relations. She has active membership in the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Christine is married (to Tim) and has two daughters, Lucie (9) and Amelia (6). When not working, she enjoys going to spin class, cross country skiing, is an avid knitter, and loves spending time with her kids.

Please join me in welcoming Christine and be sure to introduce yourself to her when you have the opportunity.

Our thanks go out to our hard-working and diligent group of volunteers on the Search Committee, capably led by Danny Baldwin, along with Perry McKenna, Art Slaughter and Karen Hennessey.

We are also extremely grateful for the strong leadership and many contributions of our retiring Executive Director, Carol Houston, who passionately led her team and cared for countless children and families over her 34 years with Manoir Ronald McDonald House Ottawa.