



The Virginia Thurston

Healing Garden

Cancer Support Center

A Community dedicated to improving quality of life

Kelly Marchand named Managing Director by the Healing Garden Board

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden is delighted to announce that it has appointed Kelly Marchand as its new permanent Managing Director, effective immediately.

Kelly has worked for the Healing Garden for seven years, most recently as our Interim Executive Director. She has a deep knowledge of the organization's operations, having worked closely with staff in all of its departments. She knows the organization's history and has a profound connection and commitment to our mission. She works effectively with staff, clients, volunteers, and donors. Her compassion, empathy, and honesty are manifested in her management style and align deeply with the Garden's values.

The Board is also excited to announce it is implementing a shared leadership model to guide the organization into the future. This new approach will harness the skills and talents of Kelly and our other existing directors: Meredith Hobson for Clinical Care, Shannon Kelley for Finance, and Meghan Seidman for Development. These four, with over two decades of leadership experience, have demonstrated their ability to collaborate with one another. This leadership model ensures their individual strengths are most effectively utilized to meet the needs of the organization.

While a shared leadership model is new to the Healing Garden, it is already a well-established model for successful nonprofits. This approach allows the Garden to adapt to change more quickly and come up with innovative new ideas.

Please join me and the Board in welcoming Kelly to her new role. We have great confidence that she will lead the Healing Garden to continued success.

Sincerely,

David Martin
Board Chair



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