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The Arc Minnesota Appoints Jessica Thompson as Interim CEO

St. Paul, MN – June 28, 2024 - The Arc Minnesota, a leading organization in advocating for the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is pleased to announce its Board of Directors has appointed Jessica Thompson as Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective July 1, 2024. Board Co-Chairs Maren Christenson Hofer and Poppy Sundquist stated "The Arc's Board of Directors welcomes Jessica's role as interim CEO. Jessica has served The Arc with passion and professionalism for many years. Her knowledge of the organization and steady leadership will guide The Arc of Minnesota as we transition to the next chapter."

Jessica has been integral to The Arc Minnesota since January 2020, when she joined as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). She has provided strategic and operational oversight to the organization, significantly contributing to its mission and goals. Jessica holds a master's degree in Non-Profit Management from Hamline University and a bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Before joining The Arc Minnesota, she served as the Director of Finance and Human Resources at Youth Frontiers, Inc.

Jessica states: "I am thrilled to step into the role of Interim CEO for The Arc Minnesota during this pivotal time of transition. I am deeply committed to ensuring the voices of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are heard and honored in our communities. With a strong and passionate team beside me, I am confident that we will continue to strive for a future where everyone finds belonging and inclusion. I look forward to working closely with our dedicated team, partners, and supporters to build on our strong foundation and drive positive change for the people we serve."

"Jessica's extensive experience and profound operational knowledge of our organization make her exceptionally qualified to lead us through this transition," said Andrea Zuber, current CEO of The Arc Minnesota. "Jessica has consistently demonstrated remarkable leadership and a deep understanding of our strategic goals. Her proven track record of success and her ability to inspire and drive results make her the perfect person for this role. I have no doubt that under her guidance, our organization will continue to thrive and reach new heights."

Please join us in welcoming Jessica Thompson as the Interim CEO of The Arc Minnesota. We are confident that under her leadership, The Arc Minnesota will continue to thrive and achieve its mission. Jessica can be reached at jessicathompson@arcminnesota.org.

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About The Arc Minnesota

The Arc Minnesota is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the human rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through advocacy, education, and support services, The Arc Minnesota works to ensure their full inclusion in all aspects of community life. To learn more or get involved, visit arcminnesota.org.