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HOPE 4 Youth Announces Sara Kemp as Director of Programs and Properties

Anoka, MN (August 15, 2016) – HOPE 4 Youth, a nonprofit organization serving young people experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of becoming homeless, announced Sara Kemp as its Director of Programs and Properties. As Director of Programs and Properties, Kemp is responsible for directly overseeing the programs and both HOPE 4 Youth properties, including the Drop-In Center and HOPE Place, our new transitional housing scheduled to open in fall of 2016.

“I am thrilled to have Sara join HOPE 4 Youth as the Director of Programs and Properties and have seen her passion for changing the life trajectories of people experiencing homelessness,” said Lisa Jacobson, HOPE 4 Youth Executive Director. “Her experience working with young people and housing programs is the perfect combination to help us achieve our goal of ending youth homelessness in the north metro.”

Sara has spent her career working with and overseeing homeless prevention and housing programs in Hennepin County, as well as, having been on the front lines as a Case Manager and Lead Case Manager. She most recently worked at Beacon Housing with their Families Moving Forward program in which she found housing for families experiencing homelessness – working to ensure they were able to thrive. She has also worked at Fraser’s residential group home division for the past 10 years. Kemp is an avid volunteer in the community and tutors English as a second language students to prepare them for their GED and citizenship.

Kemp is excited to be part of the HOPE 4 Youth team. “I want to inspire youth to overcome the challenges that they face in finding their own home. Sometimes it takes baby steps, but I know that these young people are resilient and that with guidance they can leave their title of homelessness in the past.”

Kemp is a graduate of Metro State with a degree in Human Services. She resides in the greater metro area with her husband of 20 years and two teenage daughters, who are the joys of her life. In her free time, she loves to travel, cook and read.

About HOPE 4 Youth

*HOPE 4 Youth, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Anoka, Minnesota, serves homeless youth and those at-risk of becoming homeless in the north metro (including all of Anoka County and parts of Hennepin County) by meeting basic needs, as well as helping youth find jobs, finish school, secure housing, and access health and wellness services. The Drop-In Center is open Monday – Friday, 2p.m.–7p.m. **Mission:** providing pathways to end youth homelessness. **Vision:** that all youth feel safe, valued, and supported while reaching their full potential. This begins with meeting their basic needs and leads to giving them the tools and resources to thrive. For more information, please visit HOPE4YouthMN.org or contact Kristin VanHeel at kvanheel@hope4youthmn.org.*

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