

# A Message from LaChelle Williams



After five incredible years, I've decided to retire from my role as executive director of HOPE 4 Youth.

Leading this organization has been one of the great privileges of my career. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work alongside an incredible team, dedicated volunteers, generous donors and committed community partners who believe in creating brighter futures for young people. Together, we have significantly expanded our organization's impact, serving more youth today than ever before.

I am filled with appreciation for all we have accomplished together and excited for what lies ahead. The next executive director will lead a talented team and financially healthy organization with engaged advocates and supporters. HOPE 4 Youth has a bright future with opportunities to further expand services and connect more young people with housing, education, employment and other critical resources.

Our Board of Directors and I have been working together to thoughtfully plan for a smooth and successful transition. The board will conduct an inclusive search to identify and hire a leader who embraces HOPE 4 Youth's mission, values and commitment to youth and can continue to maximize our impact on young people and local communities. I am energized by the opportunity to remain with HOPE 4 Youth until that new leader is hired and to play a role in onboarding that person into this wonderful organization.

Thank you for your partnership, trust and support. The impact we have made together would not have been possible without you. I have never been more optimistic about HOPE 4 Youth's future and look forward to seeing the organization continue to grow and change lives for years to come.

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