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One SAFE Place Announces Sarah Peery as Executive Director

REDDING, Calif.: The One SAFE Place Board of Directors has named Sarah Peery as the organization's next Executive Director, effective December 1, 2026.

The appointment follows a comprehensive search led by the Board of Directors that included multiple rounds of interviews with Board members and community leaders.

"It is with great excitement I share our unanimous decision to hire Sarah Peery as the next Executive Director of One SAFE Place," said Stephen Campbell, President of the One SAFE Place Board of Directors. "One SAFE Place has experienced significant movement and transition over the past four years. With Sarah's appointment, we are confident that the organization is moving forward into a strong and promising new chapter."

Peery has worked closely with One SAFE Place for several years through her leadership with Children's Legacy Center. Her career has been rooted in programs and services, with her work expanding over time to include operations, communications, organizational systems, community partnerships, and broader leadership responsibilities. Her background includes more than 13 years of nonprofit leadership experience in victim's services, program administration, and organizational strategy.

"The last four years have marked all of our lives for the better," said Kimberly Johnson, Managing Director of One SAFE Place & CEO of Children's Legacy Center. "It is not an easy job to lead people who are literal superheroes, but the staff at One SAFE Place are exactly that. Sarah is passionate about the work, and she is even more passionate about the team on the front lines every day. She is an extraordinary leader who has already made an incredible impact for victims in this community. Children's Legacy Center is proud to keep standing alongside Sarah and this team, and I can't wait to see what One SAFE Place becomes next."

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to lead One SAFE Place into its next chapter," Sarah said. "I have seen firsthand what this organization can mean to someone who turns to us during one of the hardest moments of their life, and I have tremendous respect for the people who have sustained this work. I am honored to build on that foundation while continuing to strengthen our services, deepen our partnerships, and make sure One SAFE Place is positioned to serve this region well for years to come."

As Executive Director, Peery will report to the One SAFE Place Board of Directors and lead the organization's programs, staff, operations, fundraising, partnerships, and long-term strategy.

This marks the beginning of a new chapter for One SAFE Place. For the past four years, One SAFE Place and Children's Legacy Center have operated as two separate organizations under shared leadership. With Peery's appointment, One SAFE Place will have its own dedicated Executive Director, and the two organizations will continue their close collaboration in service of survivors, children, and families across this region.

About One SAFE Place

One SAFE Place serves individuals and families impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and related forms of abuse. Through crisis intervention, advocacy, shelter and housing, case management, legal advocacy, and community partnerships, One SAFE Place works to provide safety, support, and a path forward for those seeking help.

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An Open Letter to Our Community

From Sarah Peery, Incoming Executive Director of One SAFE Place

It is an incredible honor to step into the role of Executive Director of One SAFE Place, and I have thought a lot about what I want to say as I begin this next chapter.

My career has always been rooted in the work itself, in programs, services, and understanding what people need from the systems meant to support them. Over time, that work expanded into operations, communications, organizational systems, events, and community partnerships, including serving in leadership with Children's Legacy Center and working closely with One SAFE Place. Through all of that growth, the common thread has remained the same: the work, the people who do it, and the people we serve.

Through that work, I have seen firsthand what One SAFE Place can mean to someone walking through our doors during one of the hardest moments of their life. I have also seen the compassion and commitment of the staff and partners who make that support possible every day. Those experiences have shaped the way I think about leadership and about what it takes to do this work well.

I care deeply about solving hard problems and creating the structure and support that allow meaningful work to happen well. Good leadership should strengthen the organization, support the people carrying the work, and keep us focused on the people we are ultimately here to serve.

That perspective is personal for me too. Being a mom to two girls shapes the way I see this work and the kind of place I want them to grow up in. I want them to know a community where people look out for one another, where survivors are believed and supported, and where no one has to navigate some of the hardest moments of their life alone.

One SAFE Place has been shaped and sustained by people throughout our region who care deeply about its mission. Donors, volunteers, businesses, public agencies, allied agency partners, advocates, and individuals have invested in this organization in countless ways over many years. I do not take that investment lightly.

With that investment comes a responsibility to keep earning trust. Trust is built over time and through experience. For me, that means listening carefully to the people we serve, paying attention to what their experiences tell us, and continuing to strengthen the way we show up when people need us most.

As I look ahead, I want to preserve what is working while remaining honest about where we can grow. I want to strengthen our services and make sure One SAFE Place is positioned to serve this region well for years to come.

My commitment is to lead with care, clarity, and humility. To protect what matters, be willing to make changes when they are needed, and never lose sight of the people who turn to One SAFE Place for help.

I also want our broader community to see One SAFE Place as an organization worth believing in and standing alongside. This work is strengthened by those who continue to show up for it and by a shared commitment to safety, support, and a path forward.

There is much to honor in what has already been built, and important work still ahead of us. I am humbled by the opportunity to lead One SAFE Place into its next chapter and committed to carrying that responsibility with care.

With gratitude,

Sarah Peery
Incoming Executive Director
One SAFE Place