

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Bellwoods' Board of Directors, I am writing to let you know that Lori Holloway has advised the Board that she will be stepping down as our Chief Executive Officer effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

It is with great warmth and affection that members of the Board celebrate Lori's contributions to Bellwoods. We recognize that her decision to take a step back was not an easy one, but is the right decision for her. We are very pleased she will remain involved with Bellwoods by generously making herself available to provide transitional leadership support to the organization over the next few months.

Following a career of dedicated service to the home and community care sector, Lori has created a culture of mutual respect and collaboration at Bellwoods over the past seven years, working with our Board, staff, funders and our external stakeholders. She has tirelessly championed Bellwood's focus on meeting the needs of the clients we serve with compassion, empathy, and kindness, and at the same time sparked a climate of much-needed change and innovation. Lori has been a passionate advocate for the people with disabilities, the home and community care sector, and the highly skilled personal support workers who provide support daily to make independence a reality for so many.

While we will miss Lori's boundless energy, we are sincerely grateful for the significant contributions she has made that have strengthened this organization and raised awareness of the value of the important role organizations like Bellwoods play in allowing people dignity and choice in independent living in the community. To be sure, there will always be challenges, but we feel that Bellwoods is well poised to enter an exciting period in its history.

We wish Lori good health and look forward to following the success of her future career.

Sue Jewell will continue with Bellwoods in the COO role. We will share further details about the leadership transition with you soon.

Roslyn Levine
Chair of the Board of Directors,

Sincerely,

**Bellwoods Centres for Community Living**