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Message from WOAR's Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors of WOAR-Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence announces the departure of Executive Director Dr. Monique S. Howard. During Dr. Howard's five years with the organization, she was a passionate advocate for victims of sexual violence and a vital voice for survivors in the City of Philadelphia. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Our passionate and dedicated staff are well-positioned to ensure uninterrupted service to the individuals and organizations we serve, and we are grateful that two of our colleagues Rachel Copen, MS, CPRP, LPC, our Director of Counseling Services, and Teresa White-Walston, our Director of Education and Outreach have been appointed to serve as Acting Co-Executive Directors at WOAR. Ms. Copen and Ms. White-Walston bring to their positions a combined 26 years of experience with WOAR, and the Board is confident the transition to the next phase of leadership will be a seamless one.

In the coming months, we will begin a search process to identify WOAR's next Executive Director, and we will share details as soon as they become available. Until then, we remain steadfastly and unwaveringly devoted to our charitable and educational mission: to eliminate sexual violence through advocacy, healing, education, and prevention. Thank you, as always, for your partnership toward this vitally important goal.