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SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Recognizes Lynn Hawkins, Seeks Next Leader

After more than 30 years at the helm of SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition (SHRCC), Executive Director Lynn Hawkins is set to retire later this year, and the SHRCC Board of Directors has begun searching for the organization's next leader.

SHRCC is a private, non-profit organization providing assistance programs to victims of domestic violence in Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties, and victims of sexual assault in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties. The agency's services include a 24-hour crisis line, victim advocacy, emergency shelter, court advocacy, education/prevention programs, support groups and individual therapy for adult and child victims.

SHRCC Board Chair Steve Ferguson, executive vice president for sales, marketing and customer service at AFL, says Hawkins' service and dedication to the organization has been invaluable. "For more than 30 years, Lynn Hawkins has been a dynamic and transformative leader for Safe Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition and has helped to build this organization into the leading advocacy and support center for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse in the state of South Carolina," he shared. "Lynn's impact in this community is profound, and part of her legacy is the strong and capable team she has put together to support this mission."

Hawkins has worked with victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault for more than 40 years; she has served as executive director of SHRCC since 1988. She has provided extensive training on issues of violence, trauma and victimization, both statewide and nationally, for law enforcement officers, magistrates, legal and medical professionals, social workers, educators, the faith community, students and the community at large.

"The Board of Directors of Safe Homes understands that we have a very tough task ahead to find a successor to Lynn, but we are committed to finding a new leader that will embrace the future challenges and evolving needs of this organization and its mission," Ferguson said of the search process ahead.

SHRCC will be accepting applicants for its next President/CEO through March 31. The President/CEO is responsible for the overall management and administration of the organization, to include personnel,

fundraising, communication, fiscal management, board support, community education, development of collaborative partnerships, and program design, implementation & evaluation.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability to lead and manage a nonprofit organization that seeks to address the impact of domestic and sexual violence by providing quality services to those affected and to create social change through education, training, and activism.

Key leadership competencies for the position include leadership and vision, demonstrated successful fundraising expertise, strong community engagement and collaboration skills, and strategic thinking skills with expertise in personnel management. Through innovation, strategic leadership, energy and commitment, the President/CEO will take SHRCC to its next level of excellence, inspiring and elevating support for the organization's mission and vision.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume and salary requirements no later than March 31 to the SHRCC Search Committee. For more information, please visit <http://shrcc.org/> or contact SHRCCsearch@gmail.com. No phone calls, please.

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About Safe Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition

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