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The New Year Brings New Leadership to Larimer Humane Society

CEO Judy Calhoun to step down from her position after 12 years of leadership

LOVELAND, COLO. (DECEMBER 18, 2020) Larimer Humane Society announced today that CEO Judy Calhoun has resigned her position as CEO effective January 8, 2021. Kara Pappas will serve as interim CEO beginning January 9th while the Board of Directors conducts a formal search to hire a new CEO.

Judy Calhoun has served as CEO since 2008. She helped usher in a new era for Larimer Humane Society working tirelessly on the new facility, which opened in 2017, and contributed to a period of strong growth that further solidifies Larimer Humane Society's position as northern Colorado's leading animal welfare provider.

"Leading Larimer Humane Society has been one of the best experiences of my life," said Calhoun. "This was a very difficult decision, but I am looking forward to a new chapter that will allow me to spend more time with my spouse pursuing our passions, including triathlons and hiking." Calhoun has accepted a position with Pathways of Northern Colorado as director of development.

Larimer Humane Society Board Chair Timiry McCaskell said, "Judy leaves Larimer Humane Society in a very strong position for continued growth, and it is with tremendous gratitude for her dedication, passion and contribution during her tenure that we wish her only the best in her new endeavors."

Kara Pappas has 14 years of nonprofit experience and 10 years of combined experience with Larimer Humane Society, serving in various positions with increasing responsibility. Her current role is director of development and community relations, which she has held since 2018. Pappas has been instrumental in working with the Board of Directors and staff to build important partnerships and help expand the Society's advancement.

“Kara’s successes throughout her nonprofit career, combined with 10 years at Larimer Humane Society and a soon-to-be-completed doctorate specializing in nonprofit leadership, give her the background and expertise to lead the organization during this transition,” said McCaskell.

About Larimer Humane Society: Larimer Humane Society is an independent, non-profit animal welfare organization whose mission is to further the compassionate, safe, and responsible relationship between animals and people. As the largest open admission shelter in northern Colorado, Larimer Humane Society is proud to accept all animals in need regardless of age, breed, medical status or temperament.

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