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Ele's Place Headquarters Appoints Interim President/CEO

Dear Friends of Ele's Place Ann Arbor,

We are pleased to share news from Ele's Place Headquarters. Effective August 19, 2022, Kate Powers will assume the role of Interim President/CEO of Ele's Place, Inc. Kate joined the organization in 2014 as the Director of Major & Planned Gifts for Ele's Place Headquarters, and from 2015 – 2018 served as the Senior Managing Director of the Ele's Place Capital Region Branch. In 2018, Kate moved back to Headquarters to serve as the Chief Operating Officer/Chief Development Officer of Ele's Place, Inc.

Prior to joining Ele's Place, Kate worked for over 20 years in the nonprofit and higher education sectors as a fundraiser and administrator. She enjoys working with teams to support fundraising, development, marketing and communication strategies. Kate is a graduate of Michigan State University and the IUPUI Fundraising school, and she serves as a trustee on the East Lansing Board of Education. Kate resides in East Lansing with her husband, son and dog.

As we welcome Kate into her new role as Interim President/CEO, we bid a bittersweet farewell to Dan Layman, who has served the organization since 2014. Dan first joined the organization as the Managing Director of the Ele's Place Capital Region Branch, and in 2015 moved over to Headquarters as President/CEO. Dan has accepted a position with another statewide nonprofit, and is excited to transition into a role that fits with a personal heartfelt passion of his – supporting patients with blood cancers. We've benefited from Dan's leadership and continuous commitment to grieving children, teens and their families. We wish Dan well in his new endeavor, and know he will remain a forever friend to Ele's Place.

An Ele's Place Governing Board Transition Team is in place to search for a permanent President/CEO to lead the statewide organization. Over the next few weeks, the position will be posted publicly, with screening and interviews to follow. It is anticipated a permanent President/CEO will be named early this fall.

The Ele's Place Ann Arbor Team remains committed to our mission, and dedicated to children, teens and their families who are grieving in our community. We are grateful to be able to create a safe, welcoming, healing space for grieving children, teens and their families in Ann Arbor, and the surrounding southeast Michigan area, FREE OF CHARGE, for as long as they

need.

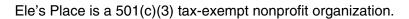
This fall the Ann Arbor Branch looks forward to returning to weekly peer grief support groups, with therapy dogs and completely open activity rooms for the children and teens, and re-engaging with more of our school partners and their students through Ele's Group, our school-based peer grief support groups.

With continued commitment to children and teens who are grieving in our community,

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About Ele's Place, Inc.

Ele's Place is a non-profit, community-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to creating awareness of and support for grieving children, teens and their families throughout Michigan, with Branches located in Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing and Grand Rapids. The Headquarters leadership team and Governing Board of Ele's Place, Inc. are also located in Lansing. Ele's Place is dedicated solely to helping children and teens work with and through grief in a peer-to-peer group setting. The organization's vision is that no child or teen should have to grieve alone. For more information, please visit the Ele's Place website at <u>www.elesplace.org</u>.



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