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Nonprofit executive resigns

GRAND RAPIDS – Mich. – January 3, 2022 – Affinity Mentoring announces the resignation of Cassandra Kiger as Executive Director who will transition out of her role in May, 2022. Affinity Mentoring is a nonprofit that provides one-on-one mentoring relationships for students at Burton Elementary, Burton Middle, Southwest Community Campus and Godfrey–Lee Early Childhood Center, Godfrey Elementary, and Lee Middle School.

"I am choosing to view it as an incredible joy that leaving this position, this team, and this organization is so hard. I can say without question that this has been the greatest opportunity for personal and professional learning and growth that I have ever been offered, and that this is the best team that I have been privileged to work beside and learn from."

Cassandra stepped into the role of Executive Director in the height of the pandemic in May of 2020. Under her leadership, the organization launched a new mission and vision, developed and implemented a new 3 year strategic plan, received accreditation as a BBB Charity, opened two new mentoring sites, and strengthened the infrastructure and sustainability of the organization.

"The board of directors are very grateful to Cassandra for her leadership and vision to help bring Affinity Mentoring to new heights, and we wish her well in her next chapter. We will miss her work and what she has brought to Affinity. At the same time, we are confident in the ability of the staff, board members, partners, and volunteers to build upon the great successes Cassandra has helped build and we look forward to what we will accomplish next," says John Robinson, president of Affinity's Board of Directors.

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About Affinity Mentoring

Affinity Mentoring is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to facilitate equitable growth in academics, social emotional skills, and self-esteem through mutually beneficial mentoring relationships. We believe in cultivating a brave space that amplifies the voices of young agents of change in a diverse and inclusive community. Our vision is to be a leading nonprofit for fostering belonging alongside young people, families, and community. We partner with organizations, schools, corporations, and individuals to provide high quality, culturally responsive mentoring to school-age children. For more information, visit <https://affinitymentoring.org/>.