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## W-H-W Announces Resignation of CEO and Names Interim CEO

**IRVINE, California, August 19, 2019** – W-H-W and its Board of Directors would like to announce that on August 28, 2019, Janie Best, our CEO, is leaving to start the next chapter of her career as she moves with her family to Idaho where she has accepted the position of President and CEO of Make-A-Wish Idaho. Since joining W-H-W in 2011, Best has strategically set W-H-W on a course that has included a shift in organizational funding, a business model that has enabled W-H-W to significantly increase the number of job seekers served each year and the development of programs that prepare job seekers for the sophistication of today's digital job search. She has ensured that W-H-W's ability to help job seekers get and keep good jobs will remain strong.

"I will cherish all of the memories made at W-H-W," shared Janie. "I so appreciate the many ways everyone has supported me, W-H-W and our community! I have heard the W-H-W Bell of Success ring thousands of times and every ring of the bell was exciting. It is hard leaving my wonderful Board, staff, volunteers, donors and friends, but my family is looking forward to starting this new chapter in our lives."

"We will miss Janie," said Pauline Francis, W-H-W Board Chair. "She has developed and led a committed team and has positioned the organization for continued growth and success in the future. We sincerely thank her for her vision and her leadership these last eight years."

The Board of Directors has appointed Trina Fleming, W-H-W's Chief Operating Officer, as Interim CEO of W-H-W during the transition. Fleming, who has been in a leadership role at W-H-W since July of 2010, will provide strategic and operational continuity to the organization during the transition.

"We are sad to see Janie leave, but we are truly grateful for her tireless efforts in moving the mission of W-H-W forward and for leaving a legacy of lasting impact on thousands of job seekers, their families and the Orange County community as a whole," shared Trina Fleming.

W-H-W cannot thank Janie enough for the dedication, passion, enthusiasm and motivation she has given W-H-W over the past eight years. She will be great missed by our Board, Staff, Volunteers and Partners. We look forward to following the success of her career and are excited for the next chapter of W-H-W as we continue in our mission to support local job seekers in their journey to employment and financial stability.

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**About W-H-W:** W-H-W is a 501(c)(3) that provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, W-H-W has served over 100,000 job seekers at no charge, many of whom were referred by over 275 partner agencies. Each year thousands of job seekers participate in Employment Readiness programs focused on making them the most marketable candidate for the job they seek. Programs include: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Support and Professional Apparel. For more information on W-H-W and how you can support their job seekers, please visit [www.whw.org](http://www.whw.org).

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