



Same Mission, New Leader

July 7, 2026

Dear RISE Supporter,

As a valued partner, we want to let you know about an important transition happening at RISE Support Centre. Cheryl Lindquist, our Executive Director for the last seven years, will be transitioning out of leadership at the Centre this summer. Cheryl has two exciting new roles: 1) Overseeing Centre Development & Leadership Support at the national level on Pregnancy Care Canada's Staff Team and 2) As a new Grandma to twins! We celebrate both of these milestones with Cheryl and her family as they pack up and move to British Columbia!

Cheryl's leadership, commitment to excellence and strong administrative skills have set the Centre up for an optimistic and mission-forward future! Cheryl has fostered a healthy and supportive staff culture that celebrates diversity, values communication and protects the well being of the team as a whole and as individuals. She worked tirelessly to be awarded the Next Level Centre Accreditation (NLCA) from Pregnancy Care Canada. Just 14% of Centres are NLC accredited, which shows the high level of operational standards Cheryl has implemented in her time here. RISE has what it needs to continue supporting women facing unintended pregnancy, including a new Interim Executive Director!

Kerri McIntosh began a research and capacity building project through grant funding with RISE in February of 2025. She came to us with 10+ years of ministry experience, a heart for women and families and a deep understanding of ministry in intercultural spaces. Kerri's project ended in March of this year. Her contagious enthusiasm and warm communication style have been missed in the office this spring! We are excited to welcome Kerri back as Interim Executive Director. Kerri is a bright and strategic leader with clear vision and excellent people skills. She is well equipped to lead our team, volunteers and partners as we search for a new permanent Executive Director.

Cheryl and Kerri will be working together this summer to ensure a smooth transition. They would love to visit your office, staff meeting or coffee hour over the next few weeks. [Book a time here](#). Cheryl's wealth of knowledge and experience will still be available after her departure as she mentors and coaches leaders in 84 centres (including ours) across Canada. We are so fortunate to have had her first!

The Team and Board here covet your continued support and engagement through this transition. As we look to the future, we invite you to be involved in this life-saving work in both prayerful and tangible ways!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, RISE Support Centre