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### **Safe House of Southeast Missouri Bids Farewell to Executive Director Jessica Hill**

The Board of Directors of the Safe House of Southeast Missouri announces that Jessica Hill, Executive Director of the Safe House for the past ten years, has accepted the position of Chief Public Affairs Officer with the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (MOCADSV) and will be leaving the Safe House at the end of September.

Hill began her service to the Safe House as a volunteer and became a member of the Board of Directors in 2011. She joined the staff of the Safe House as Director of Development in January 2014 and was promoted to Executive Director in March 2015.

During her tenure, the Safe House conducted the Safe Tomorrows Capital Campaign, the result of which was the construction in 2019 of a \$2.2 million, 18,000 sq. foot shelter with capacity for 40 adults and children. In 2023, she led the transition of the Safe House's outreach office and thrift store to a larger, more accessible location at 2350 Independence, Cape Girardeau. Services that were established under her leadership include a certified batterers' intervention program, substance use recovery program, and transitional housing program.

"On behalf of the Board, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Jessica Hill for her leadership and dedication to our mission," said Kara Clark Summers, Safe House Board President. "Her passion, vision, and hard work have left a lasting mark on our organization and the many we serve. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her new opportunity and confident she will continue to make a positive impact in her next role. We wish Jessica much success and happiness in this next chapter."

In her new role, Hill will continue to work closely with the Safe House and the other member agencies of MOCADSV in the areas of public policy and communications. The Board of Directors will announce plans for the future leadership of the Safe House in the near future.

The Safe House of Southeast Missouri provides comprehensive services to adults and children who have experienced domestic violence. For more information, visit [www.semosafehouse.org](http://www.semosafehouse.org).

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