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BREAKTHROUGH APPOINTS ANDY HOULTBERG AS NEW CEO

WICHITA, KAN., March 7, 2022 - Breakthrough announced today the appointment of Andy Houlberg as CEO of the social service agency. An experienced leader in social services, Houlberg will succeed Dr. Barbara Andres and assume the role March 14, 2022. After 35 years of serving the Wichita community, Dr. Andres retired in 2021.

Houlberg comes to the agency from his position as Executive Director with Ashby House in Salina, KS, an organization offering a sober-living environment for women and families. While serving in that role, Houlberg was instrumental in developing a new strategic plan for the organization, stabilizing operations and building new partnerships with key community service organizations. “As a human services organization, we’ve experienced the economic stressors that everyone has, and we’re ready to move forward with the work that helps people recover and thrive in our community. Andy will enhance our collaborations within the state and be an outstanding champion for those we serve,” said Breakthrough Board President, Mark Dennett.

In 2021, Houlberg was ordained in the Episcopal Church. Prior to that, he pastored the members of Emmanuel Foursquare Church in Salina, KS, and was Field Director for Kansas City’s Prison Fellowship. “I am looking forward to working alongside the compassionate and caring Breakthrough team. I believe we can find new ways of deepening relationships within the community of Wichita and the State of Kansas,” said Houlberg. Houlberg received his Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry in May, 2000. He completed his Anglican Studies at Bishop Kemper School of Ministry in 2021 and has been trained in trauma-informed spiritual care.

A formal reception to introduce Houlberg in the community will be scheduled in April, 2022. He may be contacted by calling 316-665-6802 or emailing andy.houlberg@breakthroughwichita.org.

Breakthrough, formerly Episcopal Social Services, is a broad-based social services organization. Our mission is to be a Christ-centered ministry that brings hope to people in need by offering opportunities for positive changes in their lives and provides ways for people to express their faith through service. The office is located at 1010 N. Main St. in Wichita, KS. For more information, visit www.breakthroughwichita.org.

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