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MEDIA RELEASE

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES ON HIGH NOTE

One of the founding directors of the successful merger between Community First, Care Options and Volunteer Task Force, Andrea Hall, has left the organisation to pursue a range of new opportunities.

“The decision to leave has been a difficult one, but the new Board presiding over the three-way merger is very strong, as is the new CEO, so I feel that I’m leaving the organisation at a good time,” says Ms Hall, a former partner of KPMG’s Risk Advisory Services division.

“I’ve been fortunate to be offered additional opportunities that I’m keen to pursue, so I’m leaving on good terms and with pride, particularly in relation to what has been achieved over the last nine months as we have moved forward with the merger.”

The new not-for-profit entity - which will be named in coming months - has over \$30m in revenue, 1,000 staff and volunteers and supports 10,000 West Australians in the community.

The merger has been spearheaded by Ms Hall, who Chaired Community First, along with past-Chair of Volunteer Task Force Dr Moira Watson and Ms Barbara Powell, who currently holds the position of Director, City Living at the City of Kwinana and is the former Chair of Care Options.

Chair of the merging entity, Dr Moira Watson, says Ms Hall has been an asset to both Community First International, and to the team working on the ground-breaking merger, during her time with both organisations.

“Although we’re sorry to see her go, we wish Andrea all the best with her new venture and thank her enormously for the significant contribution she has made to our successful merger,” Dr Watson says.

“Already our new organisation is thriving and Andrea can take great pride in knowing that her involvement has been invaluable; we wish her all the very best for the future.”

Care Options is a non-profit, charitable organisation that assists elderly, ill, disabled and socially-isolated people to live and participate in their community. Care Options’ multiple programs span South West Metropolitan Perth, as well as a small outlet in Adelaide, and include a range of home and community services.

Volunteer Task Force exists to provide people of limited financial, social and physical capacity the opportunity to live with safety, amenity and comfort in surroundings of their choice. The organisation provides gardening, domestic assistance, home maintenance, social visits and outings for people who are elderly or have disabilities.

Community First has grown over 30 years from a small Mandurah community services provider to being one of WA’s most respected support based organisations, and a stable, recognised member of the local WA community, providing services to seniors, people with a disability and those experiencing mental illness.

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