

Sheila Hatch Transitions After 10 Years with Zebra Crossings

It is with immense gratitude and appreciation for her 10 years of service to Zebra Crossings that I announce the departure of our Program Director Sheila Hatch. Sheila will be leaving Zebra Crossings at the end of this month to embark on a new career. We will greatly miss Sheila's extraordinary programming skills and talents, as well as her warmth and care for our Zebra family.

Although this news may surprise you, Sheila's departure has been well planned. Sheila has coordinated the hand-off of her responsibilities with the same thoughtful intention she has given all of us over the years. We believe the next community Sheila will serve is truly lucky to have her and she will be just as impactful in creating positive change within that community. We are happy to say however that Sheila has committed to serve as an advisor, ambassador and steadfast supporter for Zebra Crossings.



Over the years Sheila has shared her unique gift to create a fun, safe and inclusive community for everyone. She has grown our programs and provided a powerful support community for our families through a broad range of experiences. Sheila has the ability to adapt our programs to individual participant needs and varying circumstances. She sets the tone at activities by providing coaching and guidance around desired behaviors that new participants adopt by emulating more experienced participants who already know and understand the boundaries.

This is a year that makes long term planning for Sheila's replacement difficult and we have decided to hold off on quick decisions. We are pleased to share that Kim Strout, our long time, per diem program facilitator and coordinator, will lead our programs this summer. She will be supported by Aidan Hatch, our former participant, Skyhawk and now AmeriCorps volunteer.

We cannot thank Sheila enough for her dedication to empower, connect and care for our Zebra Crossings community. We hope she will make some cameo appearances in the future!

Kind regards,

Astrid Wielens
Executive Director

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