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Announcing a new Executive Director and a new role for Agency Founder

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Board of Directors of Family by Adoption Inc., formerly known as Mission of TEARS (Ontario) and Gordon Lewis are delighted to announce some significant changes at the agency. The Board has hired Sharon Gollert to be the agency's new Executive Director and Gordon will be shifting his focus to a new role as International Program Consultant.

Sharon has worked in adoption and child welfare her entire career. She has a Bachelor of Social Work from Western University and a Master of Social Work from the University of Toronto. She has worked in both the public and private sectors, is a skilled clinical social worker and manager and has held senior leadership roles including the Director of Ontario's Central Adoption Authority under the Hague Convention. The Board is pleased to have someone with Sharon's credentials to lead the agency in the coming years.

The Board also wishes to recognize Gordon and Diane Lewis, as agency founders for their significant contribution, over many years, to international adoption and service to children in need. Gordon's continued contribution will be an asset to the agency.

In addition to the ongoing focus of creating families through adoption, the team will continue to develop strong adoption programs that further enhance the agency's reputation for delivering effective and child-centered adoption services.

Please join me in welcoming Sharon to the agency. She may be contacted by phone or email at (416) 449-0018 or sharon@familybyadoption.com.

With my best regards,

Chair of the Board

Mark McMahon