



DC127 Friends,

It is with sad but immensely grateful hearts that the Board of Directors announces that Chelsea Geyer, DC127's fearless leader for the last six years, will be resigning from DC127 in 2020. Since its founding in 2013, Chelsea has dedicated herself to building a movement grounded in faith focused on serving, supporting, and walking with youth and families at-risk of involvement in the District's foster care system and committed to reversing the foster care and adoption waitlists in DC. We could not have asked for a better founding Executive Director. Chelsea has not only grown the organization and cultivated its mission and reputation, but she has represented the values of DC127 very well in her daily service. The DC127 Board of Directors will be forever thankful to Chelsea for her commitment, sacrifice, and hard work during her tenure at the helm of the organization.

We are also thankful to Chelsea for her thoughtfulness and prayerful approach to decision-making. Indeed, as a result of her intentionality, while this letter sounds like a good-bye, Chelsea will remain the Executive Director through early next year in order to ensure a smooth and successful transition. In addition, the Board of Directors has retained Diversified Search, who has very graciously offered to donate a large portion of their time and energy to assist us with the search and to help us cultivate a strong and diverse pool of candidates from which to choose our next Executive Director. We anticipate opening the formal hiring process in June and would love your help in finding the next leader of DC127.

Change is often bittersweet. We are going to miss Chelsea terribly. Fortunately, because of Chelsea's hard work, and the hard work of everyone who is part of the DC127 family, this organizational transition comes during a time of programmatic and financial strength. As a result, this transition also represents a period of excitement, opportunity, and visioning for the organization. We look forward to continuing to work alongside our great youth, families, volunteers, host homes, donors, and staff to build upon the incredible foundation that has been laid to date. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions over the next few months about the transition or hiring process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Chelsea or myself. I can best be reached via email at eduardo.r.ferrer@gmail.com.

Thank you again to Chelsea for her leadership and to you all for your continued support.

In service,

Eduardo R. Ferrer
Chair, DC127 Board of Directors