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Autism Nova Scotia Welcomes Amanda Alexander as New Executive Director

Halifax, NS – Autism Nova Scotia is excited to announce the appointment of Amanda Alexander as its new Executive Director, effective immediately. After an extensive search process, Amanda’s outstanding leadership skills and deep commitment to the autism community made her the clear choice to lead the organization into its next chapter.

"On behalf of the Autism Nova Scotia Board, I’m thrilled to announce Amanda Alexander’s appointment, marking an exciting and inspiring new chapter for Autism Nova Scotia. She brings strong leadership, dedication and expertise to our province’s autism community," said Catherine Rahey, Board Chair, Autism Nova Scotia. "I am confident that Amanda will continue to foster understanding, acceptance, and respect for Autistic individuals, building on the incredible foundation laid by our founders and past leaders."

Amanda joined Autism Nova Scotia in 2019 as Director of Development, bringing a wealth of experience from respected organizations such as the Canadian Red Cross, Canadian Cancer Society, United Way Halifax, and Heart and Stroke. Over the past five years, she has played an instrumental role in advancing Autism Nova Scotia’s mission, cultivating strong relationships with partners, and driving impactful initiatives to support the Autism community.

"It has been profoundly rewarding to work with Autism Nova Scotia over the past five years. I am deeply grateful for the trust and support of the Board, staff, and community," said Amanda Alexander, Executive Director, Autism Nova Scotia. "Together, we will continue to build on our shared achievements, creating meaningful opportunities and advocating for a brighter future for Autistic individuals and their families across the province."

Amanda’s appointment signals a bold step forward for Autism Nova Scotia as the organization continues its work to empower and support Autistic individuals and their families throughout the province, including moving towards the implementation of the Provincial Autism Plan.

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About Autism Nova Scotia:

Autism Nova Scotia is a non-profit community-based organization that builds understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for Autistics/individuals on the autism spectrum and their families through leadership, advocacy, education, training, and programming across the lifespan. Autism Nova Scotia was founded in 2002 by Joan and Jack Craig, parents of an autistic adult son.

Autism Nova Scotia delivers programming in Halifax and across Nova Scotia through our eight Regional Autism Centres. Our programs and services include Social & Community Inclusion; Mental Health & Wellness; Post Secondary & Employment Support; Community Engagement; and Family & Caregiver Support.

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