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Literacy Services of IRC hires new Executive Director

Literacy Services of Indian River County's Board of Directors is delighted to announce the appointment of Valerie Kines as its new Executive Director effective October 31, 2024.

Valerie Kines has served in the nonprofit sector for over twenty-five years, beginning as a volunteer for an organization that mentored students and youth in Phoenix, Arizona. This opportunity inspired her future work at residential treatment centers for at-risk youth. After finishing her undergraduate degree, she became the Executive Director of an after-school program that provided services for inner-city children in Denver, Colorado. After that, she was lucky enough to work part-time for a boutique government relations and fundraising firm that allowed her to stay home with her children until they were school-aged.



During this time, Ms. Kines was still engaged in nonprofit volunteer work in local community programs. She completed her M.A. at the University of Colorado, Denver. Valerie and her family moved to Washington, North Carolina, in the summer of 2015. She became the Executive Director of their county's domestic violence program, where she served until her relocation to Indian River County, FL. In her time with Ruth's House, Valerie steered operational growth to include an increased income of 82%, expansion from a team of three staff to eight, and the 2019 purchase of a new shelter, doubling living square footage and increasing their overnight client capacity by 73%.

Valerie's philosophy is that teamwork and collaboration are the most effective ways to organizational success. She is excited to join the Literacy Services of Indian River County (LSIRC) team, its dedicated Board of Directors, and passionate volunteers. She feels lucky to be a part of the generous community of Vero Beach. Valerie looks forward to many years in service to Indian River County and LSIRC's work to empower adults with the literacy skills they need to thrive in our community.

Literacy Services of IRC (LSIRC) has been providing literacy tutoring to adults in Indian River County for over 50 years. LSIRC's mission is to deliver comprehensive and innovative learning opportunities to local adults seeking English language and literacy skills to achieve their goals. A United Way supported agency, LSIRC relies on tutors who provide free, confidential and one-to-one tutoring to individuals aged 16 and older. Literacy Services also offers group classes, virtual tutoring and workplace tutoring at the request of local employers. New tutors are always needed to meet the demand of our wait-listed students. Tutors do not need prior teaching experience and receive training and resources from Literacy Services.

For more information on LSIRC, please visit www.literacyservicesirc.org or call 772-778-2223.