



May 9, 2022 – Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland is pleased to announce the selection of Chantelle Krish as its new Executive Director. Chantelle steps into the role following Hanne Madsen, who has provided integral leadership to the organization’s programming and services with a deep commitment to the community, youth, and staff. The hire was made after a comprehensive search process, in collaboration with the Board of Directors Search Committee and Pivot HR Services.



“The Board of Directors of Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland is thrilled to announce Chantelle as our new Executive Director. Chantelle is an established and recognized leader in the non-profit sector, with demonstrated experience in community service, advocacy, and organizational advancement. We look forward to working with Chantelle and thank Hanne for her years of service and contributions.” – Lorna Nimmons, Board Chair, Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland

Chantelle joins Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland after being the CEO of KidSafe, providing nurturing safe havens for children facing adversity when schools are traditionally closed. Chantelle has held leadership roles within the provincial government and non-profit sector, where she established youth engagement programs, designed, and executed award-winning campaigns and influenced policy change. Throughout her career, Chantelle has remained committed to creating better futures for children and families. She is a trusted thought leader and active community volunteer, sitting on the Board of Directors

with Minerva Foundation for BC Women and BC Women's Health Foundation and on the Vancouver Foundation's Honourary Governors Council. Chantelle will begin her new role with Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland on June 15, 2022.

"I am thrilled to be joining Big Sisters as the new Executive Director. It is an organization I have long admired for its impact on the lives of women and girls. I am deeply passionate about advancing equity and inclusion and am honoured to join an organization that is well-known as a leader in this space. As part of the leadership team, I look forward to working with Big Sisters' incredible community of support to enable life-changing mentoring relationships that ignite the power and potential of young people." – Chantelle Krish, incoming Executive Director, Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland



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