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Names New Executive Director

Support Dogs, Inc. recently named Bill Dahlkamp as executive director. Dahlkamp served as interim executive director after the previous director, Robyn James, resigned from the organization in Jan., 2010 to pursue other interests. He was selected after a search committee was formed to find a permanent replacement.

In this position, Dahlkamp will oversee all programs, personnel and finances for Support Dogs. He also will handle internal and external communications with the agency's volunteers, board members and various committees.

Prior to being named executive director, Dahlkamp served as Support Dogs' director of programs. He has been with the agency since 1998 in a variety of capacities. In addition to his current responsibilities, his new position will involve him assisting with Support Dog's newly created programs, such as providing assistance dogs for the growing number of veterans and training service dogs to help disabled individuals suffering from Panic Disorder/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Support Dogs, Inc. is a national non-for-profit organization that offers dignity, hope and independence by providing highly skilled service dogs to individuals with disabilities and uniquely trained dogs to serve the community. Founded in 1981, the organization provides many services including a Service Dog program which matches people with various disabilities with a canine partner, an animal-assisted therapy dog program called TOUCH (Therapy of Unique Canine Helpers), and a PAWS for Reading program that places dogs in school classrooms. Support Dogs is a member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

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