



Covenant House Georgia Names Kara Stimpson as Chief Executive Officer



ATLANTA, GA – JULY 9, 2026 – The Board of Directors of Covenant House Georgia (CHGA) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Kara Stimpson** as the organization's next Chief Executive Officer. Stimpson will assume the role on **August 24, 2026**, following a rigorous national search.

The search committee, comprised of members of the Board of Directors as well as executives from both Covenant House International (CHI) and CHGA, unanimously confirmed her selection after extensively evaluating accomplished nonprofit leaders from across the country.

Stimpson brings more than 20 years of experience leading transformational change across the education and nonprofit sectors. Most recently, Stimpson served as CEO of Helping People Succeed, providing early childhood education, child

abuse prevention, mental health, and disability services to more than 8,000 individuals annually alongside a dedicated team of approximately 150 staff members. Previously, as Chief Impact Officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta, she developed and scaled an innovative school-based mentoring model that increased the number of youth served by more than 40% in its first year and helped position the organization as the fastest-growing agency in the national Big Brothers Big Sisters network.

Throughout her career, Stimpson has built a reputation for revitalizing organizations and creating lasting systems that improve outcomes for young people and families. During nearly two decades in Atlanta Public Schools as a teacher, principal, and district leader, she led the successful turnaround of an underperforming middle school by raising student achievement, reducing disciplinary incidents, expanding student support services, and establishing Georgia's first school-based Wraparound Center in a middle school.

"From our very first conversation, Kara's passion for the young people we serve was unmistakable," said Ben Deutsch, Chair of the CHGA Board of Directors. "She is an innovative, mission-driven leader whose career as an educator, administrator, and nonprofit executive has given her a unique perspective on the challenges facing young people and how to help them thrive. Combined with her deep roots in the Atlanta community, Kara's ability to inspire people, build meaningful partnerships, and bring bold ideas to life made her the clear choice to guide Covenant House Georgia into its next chapter."

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she also holds a Master's in Educational Leadership from Kennesaw State University and an Educational Specialist degree from Georgia State University. Widely recognized as a collaborative and innovative leader, Stimpson believes that partnership, dignity, and opportunity can transform lives, strengthen communities, and help every young person realize their full potential.

"I'm honored to join Covenant House Georgia and the incredible community of people who make this mission possible," said Stimpson. "Every young person deserves safety, stability, and the opportunity to build a future filled with possibility. I can't wait to get to know our staff, board members, volunteers, and partners, and together continue creating pathways that help young people find hope, healing, and the opportunity to pursue the futures they dream of."

Stimpson assumes leadership at a pivotal moment in CHGA's 25-year history. As youth homelessness continues to rise nationwide, with an estimated 4.2 million young people experiencing homelessness each year, and the complexity of young people's needs continues to grow, the demand for innovative, collaborative solutions has never been greater. CHGA is well positioned to deepen its impact, building on a strong foundation of trauma-informed care while expanding partnerships, strengthening philanthropic support, and advancing new strategies to help more young people move from crisis to independence.

Today, Covenant House Georgia serves more than 1,100 young people annually, providing housing and comprehensive supportive services that empower youth to build stable, independent lives. Supported by a dedicated team of 94 staff, 24 board members, 2,400+ volunteers, and 3,500+ donors, the organization is entering a new chapter of growth and innovation, one that requires visionary leadership to meet increasing community needs while remaining steadfast in its commitment to every young person who walks through its doors.

Stimpson succeeds Keith D. Bostick, who has served as Interim CEO since December 2025 after Dr. Alie Redd concluded nearly eight years of service as the organization's CEO. "The Board is deeply grateful to Keith for the outstanding leadership he provided during this transition," Deutsch said. "His steady hand and deep care for our staff and the young people we serve have strengthened CHGA and positioned the organization for a successful new chapter under Kara's leadership."

Covenant House Georgia partnered with **DSG Global's nonprofit practice (DSG | Koya)**, an executive search firm dedicated to mission-driven leadership, throughout the national CEO search process.

About Covenant House Georgia

Covenant House Georgia is a subsidiary of Covenant House International, the largest, privately funded nonprofit service organization serving young people facing homelessness in the Americas. Covenant House Georgia has been providing food, shelter, behavioral health services, education, and workforce development training to young people overcoming homelessness in the Greater Atlanta area since 2000.

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