



Dear Donors, Friends, and Community Partners,

I am elated to share with you the news that Annam Manthiram has been promoted by the HopeWorks Board of Directors, in a unanimous vote, to the position of Co-CEO, effective November 1st. Annam has served as the agency's development director and chief communications officer since 2017.

This promotion comes at my behest, and will better position our agency for continued, exponential growth in the coming years. Annam has been with our agency now for 3 years, and in a very short time, has established herself as a nonprofit leader and Woman of Influence in Albuquerque. Annam has demonstrated the requisite heart, warmth, and passion for our mission, and has won the respect of those both within and outside of our organization, including clients, staff and board members, donors, and government and elected officials.

Her Statement of Intense and Profound Love was a trumpeting of our values in a community which has long been divided by structural racism, and heralded a new way of operating in these challenging, yet hopeful times. It was bold, unwavering, and unapologetic – and has caught the attention of many in our community, and some outside. As an agency, we are absolutely committed to doing things differently and challenging systems that perpetuate a status quo that has long held in check our true potential and collective impact.

I am exceedingly proud of HopeWorks. Stepping out with a shared leadership model as an agency, at this pivotal time, will only continue to poise us for greater opportunities and widespread respect as an innovative leader both locally and nationally. Over the next few months, Annam and I would like to meet with many of you – our donors and friends – to share with you our vision for HopeWorks into the foreseeable future. Now is the time for bold ideas, and roll-up-your-sleeves transformative work which will take HopeWorks collectively from “good to great”.

I could not be more excited to co-lead with such a proven, dynamic individual as we continue to innovate, build capacity, and ultimately serve those presently without homes in Albuquerque with tireless devotion.

Please join me in extending a hearty “congratulations” to Annam as she prepares to undertake her new role as Co-CEO of HopeWorks!

Greg Morris
Executive Director