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**ALBERTINA KERR ANNOUNCES NEWLY APPOINTED CEO**

PORTLAND, Ore. (March 29, 2016) – Portland non-profit Albertina Kerr announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Jeff Carr as the organization's next CEO, succeeding current CEO Chris Krenk. After 26 years of service, Krenk will be retiring and stepping down at the end June 2016.

"It's truly been an honor and privilege to serve the Oregon community the past 26 years. I've been fortunate to see so many lives saved and empowered from the work that Albertina Kerr has achieved. I look forward to watching Jeff Carr continue Kerr's legacy into the future," said Krenk.

As one of only four CEOs in Albertina Kerr's 108 year history, Krenk has achieved many accomplishments focused on serving the community. Since coming on board in 1990, he has worked to increase the number of adults, children and families served from 200 to more than 2,150 last year. Krenk also launched Kerr's Community Promise Capital Campaign, which aims to raise \$6.5 million dollars towards the completion of a ten-acre Campus for Children's Mental Health in Gresham, bringing together leading practitioners, critical program services and facilities designed to best care for Oregon's most vulnerable population.

Jeff Carr, who has a demonstrated track record of outstanding executive leadership, team-building and fundraising, will lead Kerr to continually impact the lives of the most vulnerable members of the community, help shape Kerr's future vision to meet the community's needs and continue strong stewardship of its resources and the community's generosity .

"I am humbled and excited to lead Albertina Kerr as their next CEO. I look forward to building on Chris' legacy and leading Albertina Kerr as we go forward into the future," said Carr.

Jeff Carr brings much experience from working in both the public and non-profit sectors. Most recently, he served as the Interim CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Los Angeles. His past positions include Chief Operating Officer of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Organizing Committee and Chief of Staff to Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa.

**About Albertina Kerr**

Since 1907, Albertina Kerr has strengthened Oregon families and communities. Today, we provide programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, empowering them to live richer lives.

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