

November 20, 2023

Dear Ruth's House Community,

Amy Smith-Boden notified the Ruth's House Board of Directors earlier this month that she will be leaving her role as the Executive Director at the end of November. We are writing to you today with many mixed feelings, but the greatest of these is appreciation. We are sad to see Amy Smith-Boden leave. During the last three years, Amy has helped to elevate Ruth's House services and presence in our community. Her empathy and compassion for the community and our clients has touched everyone she met. Mission-driven, Amy worked to create partnerships throughout the Merrimack Valley to make sure Ruth's House was a resource for anyone in need. During her tenure, Ruth's House increasingly became better in all aspects. As much as we will miss Amy, we support her decision to move on. We thank her for the hard work, passion, and love she has shown Ruth's House.

We are also very grateful that current Operations Manager, Barbara Canyes, has agreed to step into the Interim Executive Director role. Barbara has been part of Ruth's House for the last three years. As a seasoned non-profit professional, Barbara served for over 15 years as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Campus Compact. We truly appreciate Barbara's dedication to Ruth's House and all the people we serve.

We are currently seeking applicants for the Executive Director position. We are looking for a mission-driven, empathetic leader. To learn more about this opportunity and how to apply, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your support of Ruth's House this past year and in the future. We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

The Ruth's House Board of Directors