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Announcing New President & CEO

Arlington, VA - Leadership Center for Excellence (LCE) announces the addition of Karen Coltrane as its President & CEO. Having just celebrated Leadership Center for Excellence's 20th anniversary year, Coltrane joins the team during an exciting time in the organization's history.

"We are thrilled to welcome Karen Coltrane to Leadership Center for Excellence and our region," said Greg Hamilton, Immediate Past Chair of the Leadership Center for Excellence Board of Regents, Publisher & Co-Founder of *Arlington Magazine* and Leadership Arlington Class of 2014 graduate. "Her deep expertise in leadership capacity, nonprofit management, fund development and community building make her the ideal person to lead LCE and help it reach new heights."

With 27 years of nonprofit work in her professional career, Coltrane most recently served as the President & CEO of EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia, South Carolina. Prior to EdVenture, Coltrane was the President & CEO of the Children's Museum of Richmond for more than a decade. She was named the Central Virginia YWCA's 2012 Outstanding Woman of the Year in the category of Nonprofit Management. Coltrane is an active volunteer, including service as Regional President and member of the National Board of Trustees of Big Brothers/Big Sisters America, chairmanship of the first Central Virginia Heart Gallery and member of the Board of Trustees of MEDARVA Health. Coltrane is a graduate of Leadership Historic Triangle (now LEAD Greater Williamsburg) and Leadership South Carolina. She will complete a graduate degree in leadership from The Citadel later this year.



"It is an honor to be asked to join Leadership Center for Excellence and continue the amazing progress of the past 20 years," Coltrane said. "Everyone shared with me an exciting vision for LCE and I am committed to advancing that vision together."

Leadership Center for Excellence grows individual, organizational and community capacity for success through innovative consulting and leadership training. Established as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1998, the organization offers a variety of personal and professional development opportunities for both individuals and organizations. Coltrane's leadership will continue carrying out the mission of the organization and help Leadership Center for Excellence grow further in the years to come.

About Leadership Center for Excellence

The mission of Leadership Center for Excellence is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders through community building and leadership development. For more information, visit leadercenter.org or call 703-528-2522.

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