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Dear Friends of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa,

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to introduce you to Sarah Davis, the new Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa. After an exhaustive search and a thorough recruitment process, the Board had no hesitation in offering this opportunity to Sarah.

Sarah has been supporting vulnerable populations - primarily women that are at risk or are involved in the criminal justice system - for over 15 years. It is a bit of a coming home for Sarah, who became a staff member at JF Norwood House, a residential program at Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, after she completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology with a concentration in Psychology and a minor in Law at Carleton University. Sarah also has a College Diploma in Correctional Work.

Sarah's has considerable experience working with vulnerable populations as a front-line staff person and in progressively more senior roles at various locations across Ontario. She has an awareness of and commitment to individual's difficulties, coupled with a thorough understanding of how racism, ageism, classism, sexism, homophobia, trauma, addiction, mental health, criminalization, violence against women and transgender issues, impacts marginalized individuals. Sarah's experience includes working with communities which tackle multiple barriers such as poverty, discrimination, and criminalization, lack of health care and lack of housing.

Sarah is also an active member of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Community Justice Association. Through OCA and other opportunities Sarah has participated in public education and advocacy, from supporting individuals at Federal Parole Hearings to delivering lectures in university classrooms. Sarah was successful in implementing the first Institutional In-Reach Program at Lindsay Jail by an Elizabeth Fry with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

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Sarah is excited to be reunited with the team at the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa and is looking forward to becoming an active member of the Ottawa community.

I know that you join me in wishing her a warm welcome.

Together we can continue to advance our shared priorities with respect to addressing the needs of young and adult women, who have been or may become criminalized, to reducing harm and oppression, and to contributing to a healthy community.

Kind Regards,

Sylvia Cesaratto
President of the Board
Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa

