



Dear Friends of Watson Children's Shelter,

I am excited to announce that I have joined Watson as the new Executive Director and I am eager to take this opportunity to introduce myself.



My name is Mark Roberts and I have lived in Missoula since 2000. I graduated from the University of Montana in 2004 with a degree in Business Administration. In 2005, I said "I do" to my high school sweetheart, Sarah. We have two wonderful children—Nicole, 12, and Danny, 9.

As for my professional career, I was Operations Manager and Co-Owner of an academic publishing company, where we specialized specifically in Psychology. My business partner and I sold that operation in 2016. In 2017, I co-opened Missoula Early Learning Center, an early education and childcare facility for ages 0-6. This experience increased my enthusiasm for working with children and families. Our facility cared for 70 children with the help of 22 amazing staff. I have sat on many nonprofit boards and had the distinguished honor of representing early childhood education at a White House Summit in the presence of the President in 2019.

While I have been an avid follower of the Shelter, it's only been recently that I dove deep into the history of Janice Watson and the mission she had set forth. After getting to know so much more, I could immediately see that I wanted to be a part of such a worthy cause. As the position of Executive Director became available, I was encouraged to apply, and was eager to get started.

After an extensive search and hiring process, I was offered the position. With the acceptance of this role, the Board entrusts in me to bring my experience in community relations, marketing, leadership, and team building as we continue to expand on the mission set before us.



I look forward to taking time in the very near future to meet you and hear your stories about the Shelter. Please feel free to reach out to me to schedule a meeting, whether it's over a cup of coffee or a zoom call. I hope we meet soon.

Gratefully,

Mark Roberts

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