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The Memphis Lift Hires New Chief of Staff

MEMPHIS, TN— Today, Sarah Carpenter, Executive Director for The Memphis Lift, announced Rhoda Hickman has been selected to serve as the new Chief of Staff for the education advocacy parent-led organization.

“Rhoda has seen what kids in our local schools are facing and knows parents have to stand up and demand better,” said Carpenter. “With Rhoda’s help, The Memphis Lift will keep building the movement we started four years ago—fighting to make the powerless parent powerful and helping our kids get the high quality education they deserve. We’re fired up and ready to go!”

A native Memphian, Rhoda began her commitment to serving students and families as a volunteer in 2011 tutoring and supporting students at the Memphis Scholars Caldwell- Guthrie Elementary School.

Rhoda’s professional career includes over ten years of corporate and residential real estate experience. Most recently, Rhoda served as a real estate executive at CBRE Memphis. She resides in Memphis with her husband, Kendrick Hickman, Sr. and two sons, K.J. and Kaleb.

“Over the past eight years, my passion for empowering parents and students has flourished through tutoring and supporting students at the Memphis Scholars Caldwell- Guthrie Elementary School,” said Hickman. “I am grateful it led me to my new role with this powerful group of parents and grandparents fighting to improve the lives of the students and families within the Memphis community and, along the Memphis Lift’s sister organizations, throughout the nation.”

Patricia Ange, the outgoing Chief of Staff for the Memphis Lift, will be rejoining the classroom as teacher in Memphis.

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The Memphis Lift is a movement by and for parents and grandparents whose children attend or are zoned to chronically low-performing schools. The Memphis Lift is a people’s campaign to build widespread awareness of the criminal manner in which many Memphis school students are under-served; and to build widespread demand for high quality schools and radical changes in public education to disrupt systematic educational inequity through choice and healthy competition. It is our mission to make the powerless parent powerful!

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Suggested Caption: The Memphis Lift hired Rhoda Hickman as new Chief of Staff.