

Search Begins for New Executive Director at KNOX, Inc.

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The Board of Directors of KNOX, Inc. has begun a search for a new Executive Director. Ron Pitz, Executive Director since 2009, announced his upcoming retirement in the coming months. “When I joined KNOX, I envisioned the organization being known as Hartford’s hub for urban forest canopy restoration and urban farming,” Ron said. Given KNOX’s growth in recent years, Ron is “confident that KNOX’s strong team of staff, Board of Directors, and financial sustainability will ensure the organization will continue to grow and thrive.”

This notice serves to begin the search for KNOX’s next Executive Director.

KNOX is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that uses horticulture as a catalyst for community engagement, to forge partnerships between residents, businesses and government, providing leadership to build greener, stronger, healthier and more beautiful neighborhoods in Hartford. The new Executive Director will lead the organization and be responsible for activities including strategic planning, community collaboration, oversight of a \$1.8 million annual budget, and supervision of about 20 employees. The Executive Director works under the direction of a Board of Directors to manage KNOX’s programs.

Applications for the Executive Director position may be obtained online at www.KNOXHartford.org/ExecutiveDirector. Completed applications, including resumes, cover letters, and lists of references, are due to KNOX by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

Applicants should, but are not required to, hold a bachelor’s degree in public administration, business administration, public policy, education, human services or other business-related field. Given KNOX’s mission, candidates with degrees in horticulture, landscape architecture, environmental science and similar fields are also welcome to apply. Candidates must have at least five years of experience in management, including experience overseeing personnel, general operations and financial administration. Experience with fundraising, including securing grants and cultivating major donors is preferred as well. Successful candidates will demonstrate an ability to communicate with and serve diverse constituencies and will be committed to working in an urban environment.

Board President, Emily Gianquinto, says she looks forward to “working with KNOX stakeholders to select a person with the passion and skills to broaden the reach of KNOX’s important work to make Hartford a greener, healthier city.”