



Press Release

Huntington County Council on Aging Announces Resignation of Executive Director Chris Karlin

June 1, 2024 – Huntington, IN – The Huntington County Council on Aging (HCCOA) today announced that Executive Director Chris Karlin will resign, effective June 28, 2024.

Karlin has been the organization's Executive Director since January 2, 2023. He joined HCCOA after 24 years with The Salvation Army.

"We are disappointed and sad about Chris' resignation. In his short time with Huntington County Council on Aging, he has made many positive changes," said Board member John Niederman. "He leaves us stronger as an organization as we search for a new Executive Director. The Board of Directors wishes Chris the best in his new position and thanks him for his efforts and contributions to the seniors and those who use the HAT transportation services."

Reflecting on his tenure, Chris Karlin remarked, "I have been a competitive bowler for the last 35 years. Since I was in college, I have always dreamed of coaching at the collegiate level. I have been named the Head Bowling Coach at Indiana Wesleyan University and will take over both the Men's and Women's programs."

During his tenure, Chris Karlin has been instrumental in several key initiatives that have significantly benefited the organization and the community:

- **Reintroduced Senior Day Trips:** Enhancing social engagement and community involvement for seniors.
- **Introduced the Senior Lunch & Learn Series:** Providing educational opportunities for seniors to learn and grow.
- **Attended and Participated in the National Council on Aging Conference:** Bringing back valuable insights and innovations to the organization.
- **Expanded Huntington Area Transportation (HAT):** Increasing daily trips and adding same-day transportation options, improving accessibility for residents.

- **Instituted a New Vehicle Sponsorship Program:** Securing additional resources for transportation services.
- **Increased Wild Wednesday Senior Movie Day:** Expanding it to a monthly, year-long program, providing regular entertainment and social opportunities.
- **Re-started the New Building Campaign:** Laying the groundwork for future organizational growth and enhanced service delivery.

The Huntington County Council on Aging will initiate a search for a new Executive Director who will continue to build on Chris Karlin's foundation. The Board is committed to ensuring a smooth transition and maintaining the high quality of services provided to the community.

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About the Huntington County Council on Aging:

The Huntington County Council on Aging is dedicated to improving the quality of life for seniors in Huntington County through various programs and services. The organization operates the Huntington Area Transportation (HAT) service, senior day trips, educational programs, and social events to encourage community involvement and personal growth among senior residents.