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Special Love Welcomes Executive Director Jan Bresch to Pediatric Cancer Nonprofit

Bresch joins Special Love following her tenure as COO of the Prevent Cancer Foundation

Winchester, VA – The Special Love Board of Directors welcomes Jan Bresch, who has joined the organization in the newly created role of Executive Director. Working with long-time staffer Dave Smith, who is transitioning to programming and outreach, Jan will now be responsible for leading all aspects of Special Love’s mission to support children with cancer and their families.



Jan joins Special Love after spending the past 15 years as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Prevent Cancer Foundation. Prior to her time at the Prevent Cancer Foundation, Jan spent 6 years as the Director of Development and Public Relations for the Children’s Inn at the National Institutes of Health and has served as an advisor for other non-profit organizations such as Stupid Cancer. She has also served as a member of the Special Love Board of Directors for the past six years and worked closely with Dave Smith in his role as CEO at that time.

"Working and advocating for children and families has long been the core of who I am," Jan said. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with Dave and the Special Love team to bring joy and comfort to our families." Jan began her new role on July 2 and is located in our Winchester, VA, office.

For the past 30 years, Dave Smith has been the driving force behind Special Love’s delivery of unique and essential programs in support of families dealing with childhood cancer. In an effort to leverage his unique talents and leadership qualities, he will be assuming the role of Chief Program Officer. In this position, Dave will lead the organization’s efforts to expand and enhance our outreach and programs in pursuit of Special Love’s recently developed strategic plan.

Dave shared that "Jan's familiarity with Special Love and her extensive connections within the pediatric cancer world will help Special Love expand our community of support, and having her on staff will allow me to follow my passion for our programs and the families we serve."

This leadership team of experienced, talented, dedicated, and caring individuals will ensure that Special Love thrives for another 30 years and beyond.

Reach out to Jan at jbresch@speciallove.org or 888-930-2707. She’s eager to meet Special Love’s families and many supporters and hear suggestions for better serving our special community.

About Special Love

Headquartered in Winchester, Virginia, Special Love offers a community of support to children with cancer and their families. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization offers a year-long program of free camps, postsecondary education scholarships, emergency financial assistance, and a vast community of support to children and young adults with cancer and their families. Each year, Special Love serves nearly 1,000 people in Virginia, Maryland, and the Washington, D.C. area. It is funded entirely by private donations. The mission of Special Love's programs is to **help young cancer patients feel they're not alone or "different" because of their illness, to help families feel normal again.** For more information, visit www.speciallove.org or call 888-930-2707.

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