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ALSO Youth Welcomes New Executive Director

Local Youth-Based LGBTQ+ Nonprofit Announces New Leadership

Sarasota, FL: ALSO Youth, a nonprofit organization serving Sarasota and Manatee Counties LGBTQ+ youth community is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Executive Director, Mickey J Stone, who will assume the role on June 28, 2021. Mr. Stone arrives at ALSO Youth with over 20 years of experience working with youth as an educator and program director for nonprofit youth organizations. The ALSO Youth Board of Directors is confident he will be an effective leader and guide the organization in achieving its goals.

Mickey most recently served as the Performing Arts teacher and team leader at Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences. He has previously worked as a Program Director for youth programs in San Diego, CA and Maitland, FL. In his prior roles, Mickey has created curriculum for adolescent youths, developed after school programs and facilitated training and workshops for youth and parents. He has successfully raised funds to produce school theater productions and educational trips for students.

ALSO Youth Board President, Mary Tavarozzi, said “We are impressed with Mickey’s 20 years of dedication and work with adolescents and his passion for ensuring that all youth have the opportunity to learn and thrive in a safe and supportive environment. Mickey has strong ties to our community and his energy and creativity will be invaluable as we fully reopen both the Sarasota and Manatee youth centers. We are extremely excited to work with Mickey to continue to grow our programs and services. We also wish to thank Donna Hanley, our interim Executive Director since September April 2021 for returning to lead the organization and provide a steady hand while we searched for a new Executive Director.”

Mickey, who holds an advanced degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University, is looking forward to his new role and working with our community of supporters. He notes “I am beyond excited to join the ALSO Youth team. I look forward to working with the team to continue delivering quality programming and community outreach to the Sarasota and Manatee LGBTQ population and our allies.”

About ALSO Youth: At ALSO Youth we believe that you should celebrate who you are, what makes you unique and why you matter. We provide a safe, inclusive, and affirming environment to foster relationships, personal and professional skills, and the evolution of identity. Open to young people between the ages of 13-24, our programs build self-esteem and help ready you for various life stages.



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