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## ARTREACH WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(Denver) – Karla Johnson-Grimes will join ArtReach, Inc. August 1<sup>st</sup> as Executive Director. Ms. Johnson-Grimes comes to ArtReach with a wealth of experience in nonprofit organizations. Recently, she directed special events and fundraising for the capital campaign for jazz89 KUVO. She has also worked with the national nonprofit Freedom's Answer, managing the outreach organization and directing the Speaker's Bureau in Washington D.C. Also, Ms Johnson-Grimes has been an active Board member of numerous organizations including The Kid Foundation, Junior League of Denver, Baylor University Network-Rocky Mountain Region, and ArtReach. Ms. Johnson-Grimes has a bachelors degree from Baylor University.

ArtReach is a nonprofit that provides access to arts to at-risk and underserved populations in the front range. ArtReach redistributes donated tickets from cultural organizations, businesses and individuals to people who struggle with issues such as economic limitations; physical, mental, or learning disabilities; chronic, terminal, or mental illness; emotional or behavioral problems; substance abuse; court-appointed care; and isolation. ArtReach also provides after school arts workshops with professional artists for youth in schools and organizations that serve low income and at-risk youth.

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