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CORA APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New Leader Brings Extensive Experience in Intimate Partner Abuse Social Work and Advocacy

SAN MATEO, CA – The Board of Directors at CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) are pleased to announce the appointment of Colsaria Henderson as the organization’s new Executive Director.

“We are thrilled to have Colsaria join the CORA family,” said Jennifer Kong, Chair of the Board. “She is a respected leader in the anti-violence movement and brings a wealth of experience and commitment. We are confident that CORA will thrive under Colsaria’s leadership and are excited to partner with her in strengthening our life-changing programs.”

Colsaria is from the South and considers her social justice training buried in the roots of activist parents, who dedicated their early lives to the civil rights movement. She began working in the field in the late 1990’s when she started as a Sexual Assault Counselor in Atlanta, Georgia. She later finished a Bachelor’s of Science in Social Work while working in a dual intimate partner abuse and sexual assault advocacy agency in Kentucky. She served as a trainer for the Kentucky statewide certification program for intimate partner abuse advocacy and, after multiple advocacy positions, worked for the State of Kentucky in child welfare (all the while continuing to take shelter and hotline shifts at a local intimate partner abuse agency).

Roughly twelve years ago Colsaria moved to California. Since then she has held leadership roles in multiple Bay Area anti-violence organizations. She is currently focused in areas of intersection between gender-based violence movements and reproductive justice, racial justice, LGBTQ, and immigrant rights. Most recently, Colsaria has served as Director of Programs at Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence in San Jose and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

Colsaria holds a Master’s in Social Work with a specification in Administration and Planning from San Francisco State University.

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About CORA

CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) is a non-profit dedicated to helping those affected by intimate partner abuse. We provide safety, support and healing for individuals who experience abuse in an intimate relationship, and educate the community to break the cycle of intimate partner abuse. The only agency in San Mateo County with the sole purpose of serving victims and survivors of intimate partner abuse, CORA provides confidential emergency, intervention and prevention services, including the County’s only emergency shelters, as well as a 24-hour hotline, an emergency response program, therapeutic counseling, legal services, children’s specific programming and supportive housing for survivors. Services are free of charge and are open to anyone needing help. Services are available in English and Spanish, as well as many other languages. To learn more, visit www.corasupport.org. And for our most recent updates, follow CORA on Twitter ([@ENDtoDV](https://twitter.com/ENDtoDV)) and Facebook ([@facebook.com/corasupport](https://facebook.com/corasupport)).