



Dear Members, Community Advocates, Partners and Friends of the Association of Community Services of Howard County,

It is with a mix of both sadness and gratitude that the Board of Directors is sharing the news that Joan Driessen will be stepping down as our Executive Director after nearly a decade of distinguished service leading the association.

Since Joan joined ACS as Executive Director in 2012, she has worked tirelessly on behalf of our members and the Howard County non-profit community – advocating for our collective membership, connecting members and community leaders and strengthening the capabilities of our community’s non-profits – all toward the vision of making Howard County a community where all residents have access to the resources they need to thrive. We are especially grateful for her leadership in the creation of the NonProfit Collaborative Center and in advocating for racial equity and affordable housing -all which leave a lasting impact for our members.

The Board is currently in process of initiating a search to fill the Executive Director position. We plan to have the position filled by September 30, 2022 when Joan’s retirement is effective. She has graciously agreed to help with the transition during her remaining time with ACS. If you have any questions about the transition or the organization, do not hesitate to reach out to the Board of Directors at [board@acshoco.org](mailto:board@acshoco.org)

Joan will be greatly missed by staff, board, and our members and partners. We look forward to staying in touch. We wish Joan the best of luck in her future endeavors and treasure the remaining months of her leadership of ACS.

Sincerely,

Bruce Fulton  
Board President, ACS