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ACCESS Appoints Kellie Battaglia as Executive Director

Medford, OR – February 17, 2026 – The ACCESS Board of Directors has appointed Kellie Battaglia as the organization’s next Executive Director, effective March 1, 2026.

Battaglia has served on ACCESS’s senior leadership team since 2018 and most recently as Co-Interim Executive Director, guiding the organization through a pivotal transition with steady, collaborative leadership. During that time, she strengthened internal operations, supported staff and programs, and ensured continuity of services as community needs continued to rise.

“Kellie brings a rare combination of strategic insight, operational experience, and deep commitment to our mission,” said Lucinda Brophy, Board Chair of ACCESS. “The Board has seen firsthand her ability to lead with clarity, integrity, and heart. We are confident in her vision and in her ability to guide ACCESS into its next chapter.”

While widely recognized for her leadership in resource development, communications, and public relations, Battaglia brings more than 20 years of experience in housing and human services policy, social services program administration, and operational leadership. Her program leadership experience is rooted in social services, where she has overseen complex, community-based programs and led teams delivering direct support to vulnerable individuals and families.

Battaglia has worked across nonprofit organizations and city government in Colorado, Montana, and Oregon, partnering closely with public systems and cultivating longstanding community relationships. Her cross-sector experience and deep knowledge of ACCESS position her to build on the organization’s 50-year legacy of service.

“I’m honored by the Board’s trust and proud to continue serving ACCESS and our community in this role,” said Battaglia. “Every day, our staff, volunteers, and partners show up with compassion and determination to ensure our neighbors have access to food, warmth, and shelter. As we look ahead, we will continue strengthening our organization while responding boldly and collaboratively to the growing needs of Jackson County.”

Founded in 1976, ACCESS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing food, warmth, and shelter to promote stability for vulnerable populations. Through a wide range of programs and

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partnerships, ACCESS serves individuals and families across Jackson County, offering critical support and pathways to long-term stability.

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ABOUT ACCESS

ACCESS provides food, warmth, shelter, and other essential services to Jackson County's low-income children, families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. As the Community Action Agency of Jackson County, Oregon, ACCESS has been helping residents break the cycle of poverty since 1976. Last year, close to 40,000 people received assistance from ACCESS's broad continuum of services, including obtaining safe, affordable housing, rental assistance, utility assistance, weatherization, free loaned durable medical equipment, and healthy food.

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