

ALEXANDER CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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WELCOMING OUR NEW CEO TO ALEXANDER YOUTH NETWORK

In October 2024, Craig Bass, our CEO of 34 years, announced his plans to retire in March 2025. After a thoughtful search led by the Alexander Youth Network's Board of Directors, we are thrilled to announce that Brennon Graham, MBA, MHA rejoined the organization as Chief Executive Officer in February 2025. This moment marks an exciting homecoming for Brennon, who previously served as Executive Director of our subsidiary, The Relatives, from 2005-2016, and earlier held roles as a Business Relations Executive and Group Home Manager at Alexander from 2003 to 2005. His return ushers in a new chapter for Alexander as we continue our mission to provide hope, healing, and care for children and families in need.

Brennon has over 25 years of experience in youth and family services, with an impressive track record of leadership and innovation. After his initial tenure with Alexander, he went on to lead The Relatives, a subsidiary of Alexander Youth Network, as the Executive Director for 11 years. During his time there, he successfully:

- Expanded program offerings to serve more youth in need.
- Built strategic and community partnerships.
- Drove multimillion-dollar fundraising efforts to support vital programs.

Most recently, Brennon has served as President and CEO of Growing Home Southeast, a statewide foster care and family services agency in South Carolina. Under his leadership, the organization has provided comprehensive prevention and community-based services across multiple regions. Brennon's impact extends beyond his executive roles, as he also chairs the board of the National Network for Youth and serves on the National Board for the Family Focused Treatment Association (FFTA).

Brennon overlapped with Craig beginning in February, ensuring a seamless leadership transition. "Brennon's proven expertise in strategic growth, partnerships, and fundraising, combined with his deep understanding of Alexander's mission and culture, make him uniquely suited to lead us into the future," said Craig Bass. "I'm confident he will guide our organization forward with the same passion and dedication that have always defined our work."

We hope you will join us in welcoming Brennon back to the Alexander Youth Network family. In the coming months, we will be hosting opportunities for you, our generous and dedicated supporters, to meet Brennon in person.